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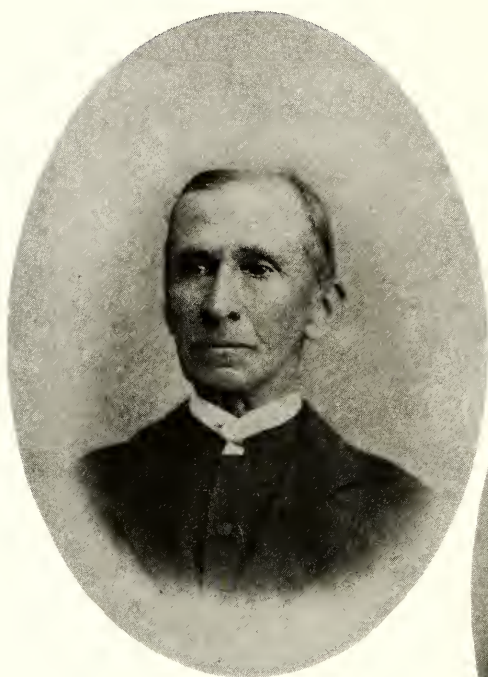
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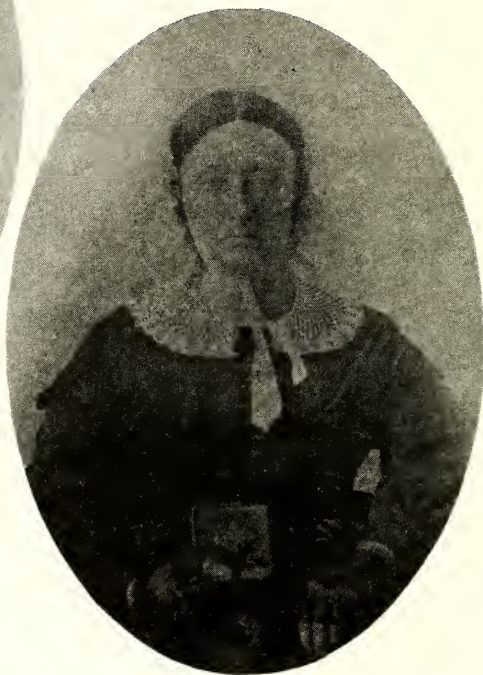
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(1809-1894)*

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Samuel Rothrock



Amelia Arey Rothrock



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SAMUEL ROTHROCK

(1809-1894)

The life experiences of the Rev. Samuel Rothrock on behalf of the Lutheran Church call to mind the words of Jesus Christ as recorded in Matthew 7:24,25: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Samuel Rothrock was born on November 26, 1809, in a log house located eight miles south of Salem, North Carolina, in Rowan, now Davidson County. He was the middle child of the nine children of Jacob Rothrock and his wife, Esther Ziegler Rothrock. The Rothrocks were said to be descendants of Huguenots, French Protestants who were persecuted in their homeland and sought refuge elsewhere. It is likely that the Rothrocks found refuge in the Palatinate, as did many other Protestants from bordering countries, before eventually finding religious freedom in America. The family name and burial ground were still evident in recent years in Leiselheim, Germany, a part of that section known as the Palatinate, and now a suburb of Worms, the city where Martin Luther was tried.

The Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, biographer of Samuel Rothrock for Rev. J. C. Jenson's *American Lutheran Biographies* published in 1890, tells of Rothrock's educational and pastoral experiences. He attended "a regular old field school" for three months per year from the age of six to fourteen years. He helped his father on the farm until, at age nineteen, he set out on foot and walked to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, nearly 400 miles away, to continue his education with the Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., at Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Rothrock began to preach in 1832 when he was twenty-three years old. His first experience was "supply pastor" for three weeks, substituting for Dr. John Daniel Kurtz, preaching in both the German and English languages.

In 1833 the North Carolina Synod licensed Rothrock to preach, and in 1834 he was ordained by the same synod.

From 1833 to 1835 he was pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury where the North Carolina Lutheran Synod had been organized in 1803. In addition to the "town church" he served Union Church and St. Paul's Church, also known as Holshauser's. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1835, he was pastor of congregations in St. Thomas, Mercersburg, McConnellsburg, and Smoketown.

Dr. Martha Hines Morehead, one of the editors for *The Heritage and History of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, North Carolina, through 1983*, noted the extent of Rothrock's ministry as follows when

...he returned to North Carolina in October of 1836, to serve once again "John's" and St. Paul's. In 1837 he was pastor of those churches and Union again as well. In 1839 he resigned from "John's," the "town church," but remained as pastor of St. Paul's and Union. Then in 1841, Luther's Church on the Stokes Ferry Road became another of the county churches in his care.

St. Paul's, Union, and Luther's comprised Rothrock's parish during 1842. He did not serve Union in 1843, but continued with St. Paul's and Luther's. In 1844, he remained with Luther's, left St. Paul's, returned to Union (just for that one year) and to "John's" in Salisbury, and also added Organ near Rockwell in Rowan County and St. Stephen's in Cabarrus County (three miles west of Gold Hill in Rowan County) to his pastoral responsibilities.

Thus in 1845 he was serving Organ, St. Stephen's, Luther's, and "John's"; however, from 1846 through 1853, he served only Organ and St. Stephen's, but in 1854 he added a third church, Lutheran (then called "Luther's") Chapel near China Grove. He continued with these three Rowan churches and in 1855 added a fourth, St. Peter's near Rockwell. Then from 1856 through 1866, he served only two churches—Organ and St. Peter's. To these, in 1867, he added St. Matthew's on the Bringle Ferry Road, Friedens in Guilford County, and St. Paul's in Alamance County. The next year he had all of these except St. Matthew's in his charge.

The year 1869 marked the end of this term of Rothrock's work as Organ's pastor, for in that year he began a new pastorate in west Rowan serving Salem on the Sherrill Ford Road and St. Luke's, which he organized at Bear Poplar. He served only these two churches until 1876—with the exception of the time in 1872-73 when Bethel, also in Rowan, was in his charge as well. In 1876 he returned as pastor to Organ and St. Stephen's and in 1878 added New Bethel in Stanly County to his parish. In the following year, the size of this charge increased when a fourth church, Ebenezer on the Old Beatty Ford Road, was added to Organ, St. Stephen's, and New Bethel. From 1880 until 1885 Rothrock served only Organ and Ebenezer. He gave up Ebenezer in 1885, and St. Peter's was assigned to his care for 1885-86. In 1886 he resigned

as pastor of Organ, the church he had served for a total of almost thirty-three years, the most time he had spent as pastor with any one church of the many in his entire ministry. He ended his active ministry after he returned to Luther's church to serve as pastor in 1888 and 1889.

Samuel Rothrock kept a meticulous record in diaries that begin in 1834 and end in 1893, and are located in two places. The original diaries for December 8, 1834-February 3, 1863 are in the possession of his great-grandson, Archibald C. Rufty. The rest of the original diaries are in the Lutheran Synod archives at Salisbury. Approximately five years of diary cannot be accounted for.

The scope of work recorded in these diaries gives an overview of the pastoral relationship and duties rendered, not only to his congregations, but to the church and populace at large. Through his recorded Biblical references, the sermon topic for the day might be conceptualized as he preached in German and in English, sometimes conducting the service in first one language and then the other at the same gathering.

He was obviously a man of many talents who promoted harmony in the household, consoled the sick, baptized the young and the not so young, provided catechetical instruction, and conducted marriages and funerals.

According to *Life Sketches of Lutheran Ministers* (p. 178), in four April confirmation services at Organ Church from 1851 to 1857 there were 46, 61, 53, and 62 confirmands. The essay on Rothrock in *Life Sketches* also includes many other aspects of his life and activities:

He mentions some 25-30 fellow pastors in pastoral, official, or social relations, nearly all of whom served in North Carolina.... He taught school at times, farmed his land, took part in civic affairs, formed temperance and education-mission societies in churches, and served synod in official capacity. As a neighbor and good citizen, he helped regularly the local postmaster to prepare his quarterly reports, wrote wills, administered estates, conducted sales of property and "clerked" others, acted as guardian of minors, assisted with mustering of troops, helped with house-rollings and barn-raising, and did chores for neighbors. Voting in 1839 for the first time, he voted "for Charles Fisher for Congress and for free schools."

In 1862 Rothrock made three trips to the war front to visit the wounded, including his son who was injured in the Battle of Sharpsburg, and to preach to the troops. He had bodies of some, presumably parishioners, exhumed and brought to Rowan County for burial. *Life Sketches* further attests to the high offices he held and to the esteem with which he was regarded by his colleagues:

He was treasurer of North Carolina Synod five terms, secretary five terms, and president ten terms, 1834-80. Fellow members of synod in 1883 noted his fiftieth anniversary of ordination by presenting him a gold-headed cane. He was a member of the Board of Western Carolina Male Academy, and of its successor, North Carolina College; and was twice president of Southern General Synod.

As recorded in *The Heritage and History of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, North Carolina, through 1983*, Volume I (p. 118), Samuel Rothrock's "leadership in the Lutheran ministry and in social, political, and economic affairs was recognized by the State of North Carolina in 1888. when the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill honored him with a doctor of divinity degree. The citation was for his leadership in the nation, in the state, and in his own community."

In his obituary published in the *North Carolina Herald* on Wednesday, November 14, 1894, the unidentified author states that Rothrock was familiarly known as "Father Rothrock." According to this obituary,

He was very business like and systematic and kept a strict record of all his transactions. From his papers we cull the following: He baptized 1,605 infants and 117 adults; confirmed 1,229 persons; married 470 couples, buried 922 persons and preached as many funerals. During his whole ministerial life, of more than sixty years, he preached upwards of 4,000 sermons. He was even systematic in his works of benevolence, and though he was by no means wealthy, he always gave one-twentieth of all his income to charitable and religious objects.

Samuel Rothrock was first married to Miss Mary Hoke of Adams County, Pennsylvania. They were residing in Pennsylvania when tragedy struck in August 1836. Death claimed the life of his young wife and their only child shortly after birth.

In October Rothrock returned to Rowan County where he had accepted a call from the congregations in and around Salisbury, the section in which the Rev. Benjamin Arey, his friend from Gettysburg Seminary, lived. The parents of Arey had extended friendship to the Rothrocks during his earlier pastorate in the Salisbury area, and again offered hospitality. Samuel Rothrock married his friend's sister, Amelia Arey (1812-1890), on September 14, 1837, and with her on September 14, 1887, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in their home near Gold Hill. A booklet containing events and greetings on that day was edited by Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Wilmington, N. C., the same man who wrote Rothrock's biography for Jensson's *American Lutheran Biographies*.

Samuel and Amelia Rothrock had three children, but only their son Lewis lived past childhood. Their children were Lewis Hazelius (1839-1924), who served in the Confederate States Army, became a schoolmaster, taught at North Carolina College, and was principal of Mount Pleasant Female Seminary 1876-82; Milas Luther (1840-1842); and Charlotte Lucetta Jane (1847-1851).

Rothrock died at his home on November 2, 1894. The funeral service and burial were at Union Lutheran Church and Cemetery four miles from Salisbury on the Bringle Ferry Road. His obituary in *The Lutheran Observer* on December 7, 1894, concluded: "No blemish rests upon his character; not a stain tarnishes the fair name he left behind him. Perhaps no one of the present generation is so universally esteemed. The memory of such a man cannot die. The influence of such a character cannot be destroyed by death. 'The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.'"

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PREFACE

Since the 1983 cut-off date for this volume many changes have occurred in the world, in the United States, in North Carolina, in Salisbury, and in St. John's. History does not stop. Some of the more obvious changes at St. John's are pastoral—Rev. David K. Huddle resigned in 1990, and the senior pastor position was filled in 1991 by Rev. Carl R. Sachtleben. In 1993 Rev. Marty E. Stevens answered a call to be associate pastor. She is the first pastor at St. John's who is also a woman. Many young people are participating in all aspects of church life and are an inspiration to us of the older generation. Members of all ages have separate groups in which to be active, but the whole congregation is bonded in baptism, partaking of the Lord's Supper, worship services, praying for each other, sharing of joys and sorrows, and informal gatherings for congregational meals.

This volume of St. John's history is not intended to be a continuation of the first volume but is a supplement to that volume. An attempt has been made to provide an overview through 1983 of all the auxiliaries and functions within the congregation; to record biographical sketches of pastors, ministerial sons of the congregation, and missionaries from the congregation; and to reflect on services rendered the church and community by members of St. John's.

Credit to those who have written a whole chapter has been given under the title of that chapter and on the contents page. The names of the original history committee members plus names of others who participated in the research and writing of Volume II are listed on the acknowledgements page at the beginning of this volume. The preface to Volume I includes a discussion of this history project and identifies additional contributors.

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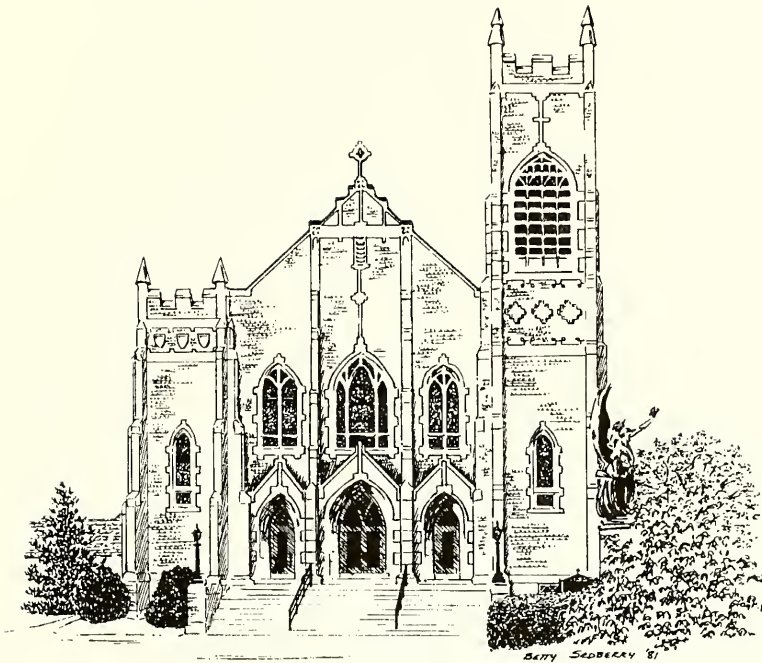
Dr. Martha Hines Morehead not only worked wonders with words, punctuation, and style to develop a more interesting and readable book, she added pertinent history as she co-edited this work. Although she is not a member, she has been a true friend to the congregation of St. John's through her contribution of time, knowledge, and expertise.

My husband, Dr. Roy A. Agner, Jr., is entitled to a "patience" badge for his long-time support of me in this endeavor. During the preparation of this history, he and our children have endured my attention directed to papers instead of people, all the while encouraging me to complete the task.

Although there may have been others who could have produced a better history of this congregation, St. John's archivist Don Weinhold asked me on behalf of the Church Council in 1983 to be responsible for writing the story of St. John's, and in a moment of unexplained confidence I agreed to do so. Because of their willing participation, I have an immense sense of gratitude for all of the members of St. John's who helped collect and put together the stories of this great congregation.

This book has been edited with love and admiration for those members of the congregation who, from the very beginning, have kept alive the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. The dedication, loyalty, and leadership within the many auxiliaries of the church is recorded here as a reminder of the past as we look to the future of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury, North Carolina.

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CHRIST AND THE CHILDREN

by Norwegian artists August and Arnold Klagstad.

While attending the 1918 United Lutheran Church in America national convention in New York City, St. John's members first saw this painting. Later, the painting was purchased for St. John's. It is presently located in the church archives room. *(Photograph by James Barringer.)*

CHAPTER ONE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. JOHN'S

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION

In the preface to *The Small Catechism*, written in 1529 at Wittenberg, Martin Luther instructs all pastors and preachers to "let it be your great aim to urge magistrates and parents to rule wisely, and to educate the children, at the same time admonishing them that such duties are imposed on them, and showing them how grievously they sin if they neglect them. For in such a case they overthrow and lay waste alike the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world, acting as if they were the worst enemies both of God and man. And show them very plainly the shocking evils of which they are the authors, when they refuse their aid in training up children to be pastors, preachers, writers, etc., and set forth that on account of such sins God will inflict an awful punishment upon them" (Stump xi-xii).

Christians need, as Luther wrote, "an easily understood, plain, simple Catechism" to instruct them in what they should believe, do, omit to do, and know in the Christian religion. "I do not know," he explained "how to put this instruction in a clearer or better way than has been done since the beginning of Christendom and retained to our day: the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer." To the Decalogue, Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, Luther added Baptism and the Lord's Supper and on these five points built his Catechism (Luther 5).*

As can be seen through the words of Luther, discipline and education of children is a duty laid upon magistrates, parents, pastors, and preachers. Neglect of this duty is a sin. This important responsibility was recognized by those sixty German Lutheran families who worshipped together at Second Creek, Rowan County, and, in 1771, petitioned the colonial governor of North Carolina for permission to collect money in England and Germany "to maintain a Lutheran Clergyman and a school-master whom they are to bring from Germany." The pastor Adolph Nussmann and the teacher Johann Gottfried Arends arrived in 1773 to lead the Lutheran congregation and bring the good news of salvation through their preaching and teaching in Rowan County and in North Carolina.

* See Appendix A.

After the Revolutionary War, Nussmann appealed to the mission-minded group in Germany headed by John Caspar Velthusen for suitable books. A new and special edition of *Helmstaedt Catechism* was published in Germany under the title *North Carolina Catechism* and was sent over to Nussmann for distribution among the Lutheran congregations (Morgan *et al.* 23). This book, printed in German, was used for many years and was held in high esteem in both countries.

At a meeting of the North Carolina Synod, in 1806, three years after its formation, a resolution was passed "that no pastor in our connection shall confirm children, except in cases of absolute necessity, without a six weeks preparation." *Luther's Small Catechism*, agreed the 1811 Synod, must ever be the basis of catechetical instruction.

The minimum six-weeks preparation was maintained at St. John's for over a hundred years. In the late 1940's the instruction time was expanded to two years. In 1953 three years of preparation for confirmation became the norm and has remained the policy of St. John's to the present. Evidence of St. John's adherence to the injunction to offer appropriate catechetical training is to be found in the April 1957 issue of *St. John's Journal*. The article discusses the topics, the teachers, and the time for catechetical instruction in that era:

In the Weekday Church School program at St. John's three years of instruction are required for Confirmation, young people joining the church. The training program begins with the sixth grade instruction and continues through the eighth grade. The school is maintained on the public school grade system of grades 1-8. Young people are strongly encouraged to attend all eight grades.

The Confirmation Class for 1959 is now meeting in the sixth grade of the Weekday Church School. The 26 students are taught each Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. John [Florence Rufty] Sifford and Mrs. B. R. [Betty Shoaf] Withers.

The general topic studied by the sixth graders is "I Want To Know." Textbooks and workbooks guide the students in understanding what it means to be a Christian, and, as a Christian, a member of the Lutheran Church. An attempt is made to discover a satisfying answer to the problems of faith and life typical of this age group.

The Seventh grade is taught by the Assistant Pastor. The instruction covers the basic beliefs of our church such as: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, and Confirmation.

Eighth graders review the work of the previous two years and engage their attention on the practice and organization of the Lutheran Church. They are taught by the Pastor.

Confirmation follows these three years of concentrated study. Confirmation is regularly held on Pentecost Sunday, the date being appropriate as the birthday of the Christian Church, the day when Peter received the three thousand into the church....

In 1983, Pastor David Huddle provided commentary on current practices and procedures pertinent to catechetical instruction at St. John's in the 1980's:

The pattern for confirmation ministry, as it has been called since the formation of the Lutheran Church in America in 1963, has had as its focus an instructional ministry that is flexible in order to meet changes in society's patterns. This is evident in the pattern of instruction at St. John's. Three years of instruction, "confirmation ministry," is still required but the times, places, and methods of teaching have changed through the succeeding years.

In an effort to meet the needs of the family and the individual youth, while maintaining the three year program of instruction, many different approaches have been tried. Classes have been held on Sunday evening on a weekly basis, on Saturday mornings for several hours on a monthly basis, on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, and various combinations of these coupled with two-day or three-day retreats. The most workable solution to the problems of scheduling busy teenagers has evolved into the present pattern of instruction. A two-night retreat in the autumn, seven monthly Saturday morning meetings and a final two-night retreat in the spring provide for the needed periods of instruction.

We have been fortunate to live through a remarkable time of change in the patterns of confirmation ministry. We have seen the emphasis in this special educational ministry shift from a family event, to a rite of puberty, and now to that of individual responsibility. No longer is confirmation seen as a graduation after three long years of study. Now it is a time of responsibility for the individual when baptismal vows are affirmed and commitment to living out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is confirmed on an individual basis.

The historical perspective of confirmation ministry would not be complete without a consideration of the significant changes which occurred in the 1960's and 1970's in terms

of who may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lutheran Church had historically held that only those who were duly instructed and confirmed could receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

In the 1960's there was a growing awareness that prior to confirmation in the ninth grade, young people had a tremendous need to know and experience the power of forgiveness through the reception of Holy Communion. The official position of the LCA was to permit those who had had instruction in reception of the sacrament, beginning at the fifth grade, to receive the sacrament prior to confirmation. The instruction involved both the youth and his/her parents. The decision to take communion, after this instruction, was left to the individual and his/her parents.

At St. John's the Church Council approved moving the time for first communion (beginning to participate in receiving the sacrament) to include seventh, eighth, and ninth graders beginning in 1974. While the recommended educational level was the fifth grade, St. John's policy remained at the seventh grade until 1980. At that time the Council gave its approval to shift to the recommended level of fifth grade.

The method of instruction until 1980 was for the parents and their children to meet with the pastors for a Sunday afternoon event. One of the pastors worked with the youth while the other worked with the parents. The next meeting was a joint session with parents and children. Following this meeting and after prayerful consideration, each family was to make a decision as to whether or not the child was knowledgeable in his/her faith and understanding of the Lord's Supper. If the decision was made that the child was indeed "ready" to receive the sacrament, the pastors were notified and that fifth grader became a communicant.

In 1980 when the age for communion was moved to the fifth grade, it was felt that a longer instruction period would be beneficial for both parents and youth. A program of instruction, taught by a lay-catechist, was introduced. Five sessions were held on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour for a class of combined parents and children. The pastor assisted in the teaching of these classes. Mr. David Roof has served as lay-catechist from the inception of the program until the present.

After a period of five weeks of instruction, the parents in consultation with their child made the decision as to whether that young person would begin to receive Holy Communion.

The first opportunity for receiving Holy Communion is normally on Ash Wednesday.

Beginning in 1952, pictures were taken of each group of confirmands with the pastor and published in *St. John's Journal*. The pictures through 1983 are reproduced at the end of this Christian Education chapter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When the Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim and the Rev. Dr. G. H. Cox [the same George H. Cox for whom the Cox Sunday School Class at St. John's was named] edited *A History of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina*, published in 1902, they noted that "next to the history of the Church, both in importance and interest, is the history of the Sunday School work. Unlike the Church, which is of divine institution, Sunday Schools are human expedients devised and adopted for the purpose of supplementing the work of the Church" (77).

The idea of Sunday School originated around 1550 in Europe and brought to America in the late 1700's, was introduced at the annual North Carolina Synod Meeting in Lincoln County on April 7, 1812. According to the Synod minutes at that time, "As many of our children have no opportunity to receive instructions by a regular school it was resolved, that Sunday Schools should in all our congregations be publicly recommended from the pulpit."

At the 1816 meeting, with the Rev. C. A. G. Storch, president, and the Rev. Gottlieb Schober, secretary-treasurer, the Synod "earnestly recommended that all its ministers establish Sunday Schools in all our churches," stipulating that they should be "under the supervision of the pastor, and should be opened and closed with singing and prayer." At the 1828 Synod meeting Sunday Schools reportedly used literature from the American Tract Society.

The first meeting of Sunday School at the Lutheran Church in Salisbury probably occurred shortly after its institution by Synod and during the pastorate of the Rev. John B. Reck. Because the pastoral reports to the Synod in the early days usually included more than one congregation, there was no way to separate the statistics for each church. It was not until 1848 that the minister, J. H. Coffman, serving St. John's as his only congregation, included in his report to the Synod the existence of "1 Sunday School, 60 scholars, 9 teachers." The church at that time was still located on North Lee Street on the site of the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

In his report to Synod in 1861 regarding the two congregations in his charge, the Rev. L. C. Groseclose observed that "the state of Bible piety" among his membership was not what he wished for, especially

in town, but Sunday Schools, or as he called them "Sabbath Schools," were more flourishing than before as they then took "100 copies of the Lutheran S. School Herald" and had "about 300 scholars." Apparently the Sunday School in Salisbury did flourish because the Rev. Samuel Rothrock recorded in his diary for February 11, 1872, "In afternoon attended Sunday School." He had also preached in Salisbury that morning and assisted in the service that night.

In May 1878 when the Rev. William J. Smith began his five-year ministry at St. John's, his wife's brother, Robert G. Kizer, also came to work in the Salisbury and Rowan County educational system. An interested Lutheran layman, he became a leader of the youth at St. John's and was superintendent of the Sunday School program, a responsibility he assumed for twenty-five years.

Although summer and autumn meeting time for Sunday School was normally 9:45 a.m., in 1909 the Sunday School hour was changed to afternoon for the winter and spring months. At that time there were twenty-five teachers and officers with 300 scholars.

In June 1910 *The Rowan County Lutheran*, a newspaper published in China Grove by the Rev. William B. Aull, contained the monthly schedule of events for this congregation, showing regular Sunday School activity:

St. John's, Salisbury

Regular services every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday school 3 p.m.

Men's Bible Class each Sunday 3 p.m.

Ladies Aid Society first Monday of each month 3 p.m.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society second Monday of each month at 3 p.m.

Midweek services Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Church Council meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.

Young People's Society meets first Friday each month at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor's Catechetical class meets each Saturday at 3 p.m.

When Kizer resigned in 1914, Arnold H. Snider was elected as his replacement. At that time enlargement and renovation of the Sunday School building was proposed at a cost of six thousand dollars. Included in the plans were new arc [electric] lights to be installed in the Sunday School.

In 1920 the Sunday School presented a challenge to the congregation to pay one-half of the expenses of any worthy young man of the congregation to enter the ministry, and the congregation met the

challenge. James Summer Kern was the first ministerial son of St. John's to be so sponsored.

Historically, the duty of the general superintendent of the Sunday School, in conjunction with the pastor, was to oversee the week-to-week operation of the school through his divisional supervisors and general officers. The responsibilities of this general superintendent were many, some of which were to see that his officers' functions were regularly and properly performed, and to see that divisional supervisors were on the job. He was to be an active participant in the recruitment and selection of officers and teachers, was to implement the policies and programs adopted by the educational arm of the Church Council, and was to report regularly to that church body.

Those for whom we have a record of serving as general superintendents of Sunday School through 1983 are Robert G. Kizer [a record 25 years between 1878 and 1914]; A. H. Snider; W. Marvin Snider [honored in 1954 for 23 years service]; Thomas B. Van Poole; Wilson L. Smith; Robert E. Carmichael; Thomas W. Kern; Robert T. Loeblein; L. Donald Bowden; K. V. Epting, Jr.; Donald L. Weinhold, Jr.; Joe I. Sims; John R. Harris; James Rollans; Julian C. Smith; and Anne S. W. Loeblein.

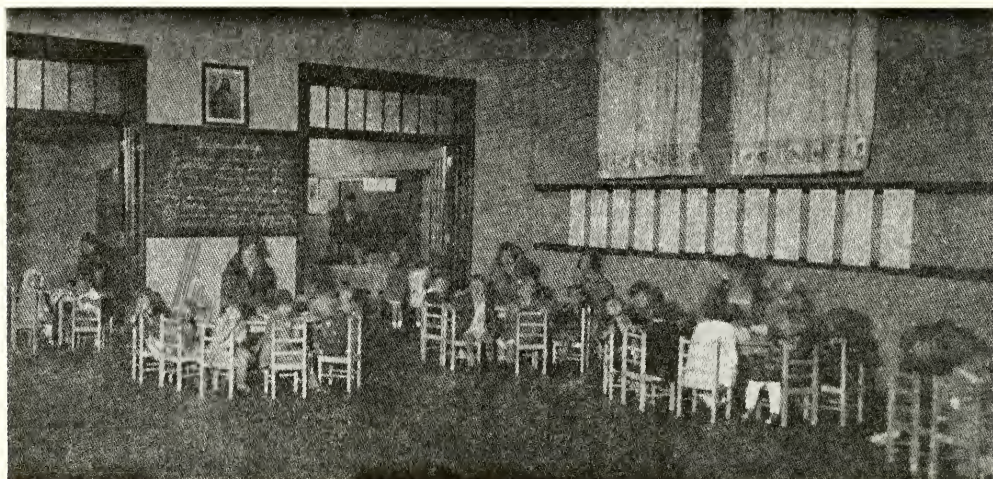
CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

An article in *The Lutheran* for January 2, 1930, provides evidence of the thriving good health and growth of St. John's Sunday School for that era. John W. Harden of Charlotte, N. C., who had furnished the descriptive substance of the article, called St. John's Sunday School "unique in all the world." Entitled "Numbering Many, Promising Much, Rejoicing All," the article appeared as follows:

The largest Sunday school cradle roll department functioning in the world today is in Salisbury, N. C., a city of less than 14,000 population. A cradle roll department—it might be explained—is made up of Sunday school children from a few weeks to four years.

Such a statement is almost startling when made to North Carolinians who have come to regard their Sunday schools more or less sedately. Nobody, not even the operators of the cradle roll department in the local church itself, would ever have thought that this state had an activity of that kind for which it could claim such an honor. Investigations by authorities in religious education have established the fact, however.

That the only cradle roll experience of the woman who organized and is directing this department of St. John's Lutheran Church at the Rowan County capital has been gained in the



A SCENE DURING THE REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING
LESSON HOUR



A CORNER OF THE NURSERY THAT HOUSES THE YOUNGER
CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

past three years that she has been at the helm of the work here, makes the department unique.

Novice is Guiding Genius

Mrs. J. C. Dunham¹ is the guiding spirit behind the record-breaking organization here. She took the work "just to help out in the Sunday school" when it had a mere handful of babies. Now she has 186 babies on her roll, all of whom are less than four years of age, and nine department officials, twelve teachers, and four assistant teachers who assist her in the Sunday morning work. Mrs. Dunham didn't even think of her department as being anything out of the ordinary until she went to a State Sunday School Convention of her denomination some time ago for the purpose of finding out something about how a cradle roll department should be run.

On arriving at the convention and talking with other women who were doing the same work for their churches and from whom she had expected to learn many pointers, she discovered that she not only had many more children in her group but that she had dozens of original ideas of which she was making use to promote attendance, interest, and enthusiasm, that these others had never even heard of. As a result, before the convention was over she found that she, while going there to sit at the feet of the more experienced, was making the main address of the period set aside for cradle roll discussion. Still not thinking that she had such a wonderful organization among the babies of her church, it was months later when her work was called to the attention of a professor of religious education at Catawba College that its comparative rank became known.

Like "Old Woman in Shoe"

Like the old woman who lived in a shoe, Mrs. Dunham gathers her flock of nearly 200 gurgling-squirring, thumb-sucking pupils about her every Sunday morning. Her department takes up the greater portion of the large, lower floor of the church building. There she has a big central assembly room done in a cheerful blue and equipped with a piano, baby chairs, a fifteen-foot original oil painting on the wall that shows Jesus blessing the little children, blackboards with the current welcome song for those who are able to read, sand tables all set up with various scenes from the Bible or the daily Sunday School lesson, beautiful "cut-out" nature

pictures to suit the season on the clean and bright curtains at the windows, a special collection of copies of many of the well-known Madonnas—comprising some thirty odd—and, in general, equipment that would make a first-class secular kindergarten envious.

Flanking this larger room and connected by folding doors are several smaller rooms where the children are grouped according to age and taught to play, sing, draw and cut out pictures. Incidentally, they acquire an almost unbelievable knowledge of the Bible.

The more interesting of these rooms is the Mary Houseal Fulenwider Memorial Nursery.

Nursery For Tots

In this nursery are kiddie-coops, spotless white beds, swinging cradles like so many oriole nests up and down two sides of the room where pink feet kick gleefully in the sunshine all unaware of the sanctity of the place. On the floor are long rows of babies that are big enough to sit contented in a veritable sea of toys that cover the floor. This department serves as a day nursery for the weary mothers who want to be in an adult Bible class in some other part of the church or at a preaching service later. It is under expert supervision.

The children who are old enough for the kindergarten type of Sunday school instruction are gathered in groups of something less than a dozen at tables made in the shape of a horseshoe. On the inside curve of the table sits the teacher and about her and on the outside of the horseshoe sit the children, each in a little baby chair, that he or she is especially assigned to. This equipment was all given to the church, piece by piece. On the back of each of the more than a hundred chairs appears the name of the donor.

Mother and Child Together

For those mothers who have very small children and who are not content to leave them, a special Bible Class for mothers has been organized in connection with the cradle roll department. Here mothers sit with their children on their laps while they hear the day's lesson. The spirit of comradeship here is such that the occasional crying of a baby makes very little of an interruption in the class. It is one of those rare places where a mother can enjoy Sunday School and keep her baby

with her. There have been fifty-nine mothers in this department on a Sunday.

A recent Sunday morning visit to St. John's Church and the largest cradle roll department in the world found the following officers and teachers assisting Mrs. Dunham: Miss Esther Sink, assistant superintendent; Miss Jean Dunham, secretary; Mrs. David Hanson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rob Roy Peery, music; Mrs. Rome Porter, sand tables; Mrs. William Griffin, nursery mother; Mrs. David Rendleman and Mrs. Roy Melchor, assistant nursery mothers; Mrs. Edward Fulenwider, teacher of the class for mothers, Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Carl Leazer, Miss Katherine Linn, Mrs. L. M. Beaver, Mrs. James B. Briggs, Mrs. John Herion, Mrs. G. L. Seamon, Mrs. Joe Myers, Mrs. Ruth Barringer, Miss Helen Rufty, Mrs. Hugh C. Petrea, and Mrs. Tom Kepley, teachers; and Mrs. Lonnie Mahaley, Mrs. Clarence Rickman, Mrs. Clyde Morton and Mrs. G. Y. Wagner, assistant teachers.

Birthdays Remembered

Posted in the assembly room of the cradle roll department are twelve birthday rolls, one for each month in the year. On these the names of the babies of the department are posted with birthday dates divided into months. On the last Sunday morning of each month every baby whose birthday has occurred that month is presented with a little birthday cake, candles and all, amid quite a ceremony. A blue bird is hung about the neck of each of the children on this day and they all sing and march by a little stand painted in the form of a messenger boy, who stands holding a cup to receive the children's birthday donations. Birthday cards are also mailed so that no child with a birthday will be missed.

Other important and unique celebrations during the year come on Mother's Day and at Christmas. The cradle roll really celebrates two Christmases, a "white" one and a "red" one. For the "red" Christmas the children have a regular Christmas exercise, receive treats given by the church and see the sand tables fixed up with the various Christmas scenes from the Bible. This comes on Christmas Eve. On the Sunday nearest Christmas the "white" Christmas is celebrated. At that time the entire cradle roll department is turned a dazzling white with great sheets of snowy cotton that are borrowed from a mill for the purpose, and artificial snow.

"White Christmas"

A cedar tree is treated so that it is a solid white and it is placed in the center of the large assembly room. Under it the stable in which Jesus was born is set up in reproduction. A wee doll is placed in a manger to represent the Christ Child. The cattle are there standing about the manger. Concealed in the top of this miniature stable is a light that is falling full on the head of the babe in the manger. The same scene is reproduced year after year and is said to make quite an impression on the minds of the children. They are not too young to see, hear and remember.

Following an appropriate exercise on Mother's Day, each child is given flowers to take home to his or her mother, a small prayer book, and literature on the occasion.

Pastor Helps

From Sunday to Sunday the minister baptizes babies in the cradle roll department in the presence of parents and other little children. There have been thirty-three such baptisms by the pastor since last January. This pastor, Rev. Edward Fulenwider, has been an interested helper in the development of the Sunday School department that is coming to attract wide attention. He is, in fact, second only to Mrs. Dunham in the interest and the time that he has contributed toward the work with the babies. Rev. Mr. Fulenwider has been at the Salisbury church for nine years, has seen the Sunday school grow to the point of needing fifty-five teachers and assistants for 1,200 members as compared with 600 members when he took over the pastorate.

Every January 2nd all of the children in the department who have reached the age of five years are promoted to the beginners' department amid quite a ceremony. Each such child is given a certificate upon promotion....

Throughout the years the youngest church members have been led by dedicated and loving teachers who help plant the seeds of Christianity into receptive minds.

Teaching tactics have varied slightly from teacher to teacher but the content and structure of the class period has basically been as it is in 1983, emphasizing "God is Love":

- (1) Opening with music and movement. In 1983 recordings supplied the music but they "had piano music when Mrs. Sifford was there."

- (2) A Bible story was read by the teacher who sometimes used puppets or other visual aids.
- (3) A craft or seasonal activity co-ordinated with the Bible story.
- (4) Snack time.
- (5) Playtime, if schedule allowed.

In addition to the teachers mentioned in *The Lutheran* article above, the following teachers were recorded for the Cradle Roll Department 1940-1983: Mrs. D. L. Cauble, Mrs. H. W. Thompson, Miss Pauline Linn, Mrs. Edwin Uzzell, Mrs. Lillian Shives, Mrs. Ray Buie, Mrs. J. R. Driscoll, Mrs. R. A. Wagoner, Mrs. Burt Harris, Mrs. Pat Epting, Mrs. Bill Deal, Mrs. J. R. Sifford, Mrs. Ray Earnhardt, Mrs. John Bentley, Mrs. J. D. Porter, Mrs. Jack Peeler, Mrs. William Wansley, Miss Gregory Peeler, Mrs. Tommy Haynes, Mrs. Tom Roth, Mrs. Charles Rufty, Mrs. J. Harold Erskine, Mrs. Eugene Auten, Mrs. Robert Coble, Mrs. Sonny Lippard, Miss Paula Smith, Mrs. James Epting, Mrs. Jerry Kirkley, Mrs. John Shuping, Mrs. Ken Brown, Jr., Mrs. Joe Small, Mrs. Fred Bradshaw, Mrs. Jane Rowland, Mrs. Frances Driscoll, Mrs. Lisa R. Wear, Mrs. Bonnie R. Wilson.



1946 Promotion from Cradle Roll Department to Beginners Department. Row one: Kenneth Goodnight, Everette Small. Row two: Nash Isenhower, Murray Tysinger, Julia Trexler, Linda Miller, Sammy Brady, Judy Shuping, Becky Peeler. Row three: Ott Pinkston, Eleanor Sifford, Linda Sloop, Christina Rankin, Rachel Wyatt, Jimmy Trexler, Charles Jackson. Teacher: Mrs. William Griffith.

BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT

On a typical Sunday, 1939-1983, upon arrival at Sunday School, this four and five year old group had the opportunity to play with the week-day kindergarten toys until time for the lesson to begin. The program usually was opened with singing songs such as "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall" and "Jesus Loves Me" from their repertoire of six or eight songs. For approximately fifteen minutes the teacher presented the lesson through reading, talking, asking questions, and relating ideas to events in the lives of the children. The title of one of the Sunday School books, for example, was *God, Me, and Others*. The next fifteen minutes involved student activity in a variety of ways as they drew pictures, colored with crayons, cut, pasted, and developed a story associated with the lesson to take home. The children earned a sugarless treat for good attention and good behavior. Memory work planned for this age group was John 3:16, names of the disciples, and The Lord's Prayer. A reward was presented when the child successfully memorized his assignment.

In addition to a loving attitude and Christian guidance in the classroom, the teachers kept in touch with the students on an individual basis. A card was sent when the child was absent and a birthday card for his special day. On the Sunday nearest his birthday the class recognized the occasion with the Happy Birthday song. Frequently the class had a "snack time." Before eating, the children used one of a number of blessings they had learned, to give thanks to God.

Mrs. Walter F. (Ada Miller) Rattz provided a lifetime of dedicated leadership to this group. In 1955 she was recognized for serving thirty-five years as superintendent of the Beginners Department and is said to have taught for fifty years.

Teachers on record for the Beginners Department 1939-1983 were Mrs. Jack W. Miller, Miss Elizabeth Leonard, Mrs. Fred Seagle, Mrs. W. B. Kesler, Mrs. J. B. Pridgen, Miss Fair Miller, Mrs. H. R. Basinger, Mrs. Baxter Mowery, Mrs. G. Howard Cauble, Mrs. Lamar Trexler, Mrs. Richard Ludwig, Mrs. Sarah Browning, Mrs. William Griffith, Mrs. Francis Aull, Mrs. Marvin Campbell, Mrs. Gay Misenheimer, Mrs. Nancy Foster, Mrs. H. B. McGinnis, Mrs. Olney Brown, Mrs. Norman Cauble, Mrs. Curtis Cobb, Mrs. Margaret Haynes, Mrs. Paul Bernhardt, Mrs. A. B. Martin, Jr., Mrs. John Bentley, and Miss Carmelita Poole.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

In the 1940-1983 era, lessons for this group of first and second grade school children were oriented to the study of God's World. Signs of nature, such as a bird's nest, were viewed in relation to God's creation.

A study was made of Jesus's helpers, their work, and how they carried out God's expectation in their lives.

Upon arrival at Sunday School they enjoyed browsing through or reading Bible story books available on their reading level. In years past, the students made murals, constructed a model of a church, drew pictures of the pastor and helpers, and enjoyed arts and crafts dealing with Bible stories. Another learning experience was drama. As the children were able, they were allowed to read a story, develop a play, and act out the roles such as those in the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Additional learning experiences were found in memory work consisting of the one-hundredth psalm and the one-hundred twenty-first psalm. The Twelve Disciples song was also learned.

The children also learned from experiences outside the Sunday School classroom. A visit to St. John's Chapel was of special interest. There the story of creation was told as expressed through the stained-glass windows. A session on baptism was held in the big church at the baptismal font. An occasional party at the home of a teacher carried Christianity into the realm of their social life.

Projects at Christmas involved the theme of giving. Children were encouraged to bring items to take to people in need in the hospital or nursing home. Years ago, when the church was located on North Main Street, Christmas was celebrated in a special way. There was one big tree in the Sunday School department and upon the stage was the manger scene with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each child was invited to walk across the stage where he was, in celebration, presented with a box of hard candy and an orange. The Sunday School distributed these items to all of the children in the church while it was located on North Main Street and carried the practice to West Innes Street but it eventually became only a pre-school-age project.

In September 1955 Mrs. C. L. (Margaret Linker) Wyatt was recognized for her thirty-five years leadership as superintendent of the Primary department.

Teachers on record for the first and second grades 1939-1983 were Miss Ora Brown (Patterson), Miss Betty Hudson (Driscoll), Miss Ann Quantz Peeler, Miss Laverne Roseman, Miss Ruth Click, Mrs. T. Edward Bailey, Mrs. Harry Uzzell, Mrs. D. C. Click, Mrs. M. T. Gibson, Miss Carrie Roseman, Mrs. Frank Hand, Miss Betty Scott Lentz, Miss Margaret Mahaley, Miss Norma Ludwig, Mrs. E. S. Temple, Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Miss Esther Sink, Miss Marlene Plyler, Mrs. Owen Bean, Mrs. Guy Beaver, Miss Barbara Smith, Mrs. Louise Tarlton, Mrs. Harry L. Corriher, Miss Betsy Hannold, Mrs. E. B. Barger, Mrs. Charles Brady, Mrs. Margaret Buie, Mrs. Betty Withers, Miss Millie Carter, Mrs. Clyde Drye, Mrs. Glenn Farabee, Mrs. Raymond Rufty, Mrs. Margaret Stoessel, Mrs. Loyd Hill, Miss Elaine Temple, Miss Brenda Kinder, Mrs. John

P. Miller, Miss Elizabeth Miller, Mrs. Charles Barger, Miss Phyllis Hall, Mrs. Ruth K. Uzzell, Mrs. James W. Trexler, Miss Katie Misenheimer, Mrs. Paul McCubbins, Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Miss Rose Ann Barger, Mrs. Jack Rohde, Miss Phyllis Myers, Curtis Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weant, Mrs. Blenda Harris, Mrs. Frances Hampton, Mrs. Joyce Weant, Mrs. Edith Julian, Miss Karen Graeber.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

The third and fourth grade procedures were similar in structure to those of the first and second grades but were carried out on a more advanced level. The lesson for the day was based on a Bible story with a workbook co-ordinated with the story. God's creation was observed through nature study in the outdoor trips close by the church. Memory work included The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and The Beatitudes. In some years each child had his own booklet for check-off when recitation was learned.

Junior Department teachers on record 1939-1965 were Mrs. Frances Hauser, Miss Araminta Epting, Miss Dorothy Kluttz, Miss Juanita Horton, Mr. Oliver Rufty, Mr. Harold Mowery, Miss Mona Bass, Miss Viola Leonard, Miss Jean Shoaf, Miss Miriam Horton, J. D. Sifford, W. A. Alsobrooks, Curtis Cobb, Mrs. Christine Wyatt, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rufty, Bryce Barger, Miss Helen Brown, Mrs. H. Lamar Trexler, Donald L. Weinhold. Teachers for third and fourth grades 1965-1983 were Mrs. Ruth K. Uzzell, Miss Betty Scott Lentz, Mrs. Ray Buie, Mrs. Lamar Trexler, Mrs. McDonald Wyatt, Mrs. Paul Carter, Mrs. Joe I. Sims, Mrs. Don Julian, Mrs. Loyd Hill, Mrs. Perry Hood, Mrs. Hollis Miller, Mrs. Stiles Markey, Mrs. Milton Tallardy, Mrs. Marcus Smith, Mrs. Ernest Safrit, Jr., Mrs. Bobby Rusher, Mrs. Thomas Carlton, Mrs. Frances Hampton, Mrs. Judy Trexler, Mrs. Luther Lippard, Mrs. Bradley Conner, John Harris, Bill and Joyce Weant, Mrs. Shirley Trexler, Miss Esther Rufty, Dr. and Mrs. John Bumgarner, Mrs. Peggy Rouzer.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

The fifth grade Sunday School student, at age eleven years, was challenged to a greater depth of Christian knowledge and individual understanding. Historically, this period in a child's life has been identified as an important milestone in the development of self-responsibility—that responsibility assumed at age twelve years as exemplified by Jesus in Luke 2:41-50. At St. John's the Sunday School curriculum was centered on Jesus in a pre-confirmation-type program concentrating on the meaning of the Creeds and The Lord's Prayer. Prepared material was supplied through the Lutheran Church in America.

During the 1970's this group, like most groups in the church, found themselves studying social issues of environment and discrimination in relationship to Christianity. A more structured, more Bible oriented curriculum returned in the 1980's.

Since 1972 preparation for early communion was integrated into the schedule with a six-weeks or seven-weeks period of parents and children meeting together with teacher David Roof. When the child had completed the course, and felt ready, first communion was offered, normally on Ash Wednesday.

At the fifth grade level emphasis was also placed on building a social group. Some of their activities have been camping, ice skating, Christmas shopping trips, and visits to Carowinds. The calendar for Sunday School usually consisted of two eighteen weeks semesters for instruction of fifth graders exclusively, followed by a three-months summer program which combined that group with grades three through six.

In 1983 the sixth grade Sunday School Class followed a format laid out in materials distributed through the Lutheran Church in America. Some of the ideas involved a study of the church year, a study of art in the church, and a study of the church in the community.

As an outreach of the church in the community, on the first Sunday of each month the students baked cookies for use in the Soup Kitchen, a community service to the hungry operated by the First Presbyterian Church. The students made and delivered gifts to the patients in the Lutheran Home. In studying the church year, the students made decorative items for every season. For example, each student made an advent wreath for use in that season. A special event, begun in 1980, was decoration of the Luther Tree with Christmas ornaments made by the students. This was not confined to sixth graders but was a project of Nursery through Sixth Grade.

Memory work in the sixth grade included the Nicene Creed. In recognition of this achievement a book mark with a Bible verse on it was awarded to the student. In 1983 the Living Faith Series was incorporated into the curriculum through study of Bible stories and discussion of how that story related to life in the present day.

Intermediate department teachers on record 1939-1965 were Miss Emily Smith, Walter Cook, Mrs. Henry Brockman, Mrs. L. V. Fisher, J. Carson Brantley, Mrs. James Lynch, Mrs. C. M. Epting, Mrs. T. B. Van Poole, Mr. William Bost, Stamey Carter, Jr., Mrs. Nancy Ludwig, Mr. Raymond Ritchie, Mr. John Bentley, Mrs. Ora Patterson, Mrs. Max Busby, Mr. Glenn Taylor. Teachers of the fifth and sixth grades 1965-1983 were K. V. "Sonny" Epting, Jr., Curtis Cobb, Oliver Rufty, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Max Busby, Mrs. Donald Weinhold, Donald L. Weinhold, Mrs. Raymond Ritchie, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mrs. Curtis Cobb,

Mrs. Don Gay, Mrs. Lamar Trexler, Mrs. George Kluttz, Mrs. Jim Rabon, Mrs. Don Weinhold, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dave Roof, Lewis Frank, Mrs. Gerald Jones, Mrs. Barbara Bumgarner, and Mrs. Brenda Goodman.

JUNIOR (HIGH) DEPARTMENT

The challenge of teaching the Junior High Class, grades seven through nine, was as varied and as stimulating as the various personalities within that age group. The story of Mark was studied annually, and at one time the literature did not keep pace with the maturity of the young people. New books, adapted to the computer age, served better as teaching and learning tools. The usual structure of the class involved presentation of the Bible lesson, discussion of what the story meant, and relating the story to the student's personal experience. Social activities and service projects for this age group were developed within the Junior High Luther League.

Teachers on record of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades 1965-1983 were John W. Bentley, Mrs. Harold Rufty, Stamey Carter, Jr., Ervin "Mack" Lampert, Jr., Mrs. George Busby, Mrs. Lewis Peeler, Mrs. Lamar Trexler, Mrs. Robert Miller III, Raymond Ritchie, Stamey Carter III, Loyd Hill, Tommy Ludwig, Mrs. Stiles Markey, Mrs. Arthur Pinkston, Jr., Milton Tallardy, Larry Peeler, Ronnie Smith, George Kluttz, Donald Weinhold, Miss Mary Jane Park, Henry Trexler, Jr., Mrs. Lewis Frank, John Heilig, Bill and Toni Kenerly, Steve Gray, Mrs. Sue Peeler, John Harris, Don Julian, Rick Hampton, Emmette Thompson III, and Grayson Hampton.

SENIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

The Senior High School group varied in age throughout the years and the church attempted to adapt its school to those changes. For example, at one time there were eleven grades of public school with young people completing the course at age sixteen. The cut-off date for entry into the first grade in those days had been January 1. The public school system then changed to twelve years and restricted first grade entry to age six by October fifteenth, thereby producing an older graduate from high school.

In 1983 students in public school grades ten through twelve were in the Senior High School Class at St. John's. Social changes in the world had occurred so rapidly for ten to fifteen years that it had been difficult to provide literature to meet the needs of the young people. The demands and challenges to fulfill this need required innovative ideas from their teachers. Questions were answered and answers were questioned—truly a learning experience.

By the end of 1983 plans were made for using lessons from the Lutheran Church in America for Bible study. Social issues were to be discussed in Biblical perspective. The true challenge was recognized in stimulating a desire in the student to want to know the Bible. Social activities for this age group were planned within the Senior High Luther League.

Teachers on record for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades 1965-1983 were Mrs. Archie Rufty, Mrs. Lloyd Troxler, Mrs. Walter Tatum, Milton Tallardy, L. Sowers, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cline, Jr., John Isenhour, Jr., Joe Sims, Pete Blom, Mrs. John Isenhour, Jr., Pat Warnicke, Dr. Hal Furr, Ott Pinkston, Jr., Steve Barger, Rick Hampton, Mrs. Robert Miller III, Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Raper, Bill Upchurch, Lynn Bailey, George Kluttz, Bobby Rusher, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tate, Bob and Sandy Melton, E. L. "Sonny" Allen, Jr., Lewis Frank, and Mrs. Fran Tannehill.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Fidelis Class

According to an article in *St. John's Journal* in October 1957 the Senior Church School Department was organized in 1943 as the Fidelis Class. The class had thirteen members and one teacher, Luther Miller. Later during the first year, Emily Smith (Ballard) became assistant teacher. The first meeting of the class was held in the room later occupied by the church secretary, and previously used for storage of parts of the old organ and a mantel from the old church on Main and Liberty Streets.

The names of charter members were probably among the names listed in *The League Speaks* in February 1945. These either gave blood or volunteered to give blood to one of their members, Richard Hearn, who was then in the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia. Those named were Francis Thompson, Hannis Thompson, Jean Mahaley, Betty Shoaf, Joe Ketner, Mrs. Ballard, Johnny Wagoner, John Cline, Gibby Barger, Toby Rendleman, Eleanor Van Poole, Dorothy Clark, Lois Brown, and Ruth Gaskey.

Struggling as a young class the number of members soon increased to thirty-two. The group sought a location large enough to hold its members. An agreement was reached with the Eva Peeler Class for the Fidelis Class to meet in the church parlor and the Peeler Class to move into the adult department. By about 1945 the Fidelis Class grew to a membership of seventy-five, eighteen of that number serving in the armed forces. The group undertook a special-project of providing the ushers with fresh flowers for the worship services.

In 1948 the Fidelis Class became known as the Senior Class, its members ranging in age from sixteen to twenty years. Bob Spangler became superintendent in 1950 with Max Henderlite serving as assistant. In 1953 Max Henderlite became superintendent. Pearce Rawling and Max Henderlite became co-superintendents in 1955.

Senior Class projects during 1953-54 included the purchase of a water fountain for the church and sponsorship of a basketball team. The basketball team won a trophy the first year. The class sponsored the team for two years.

Beginning with January 1957 the Senior Luther League and the Senior Class were combined as one group with one set of officers. The group set aside the second Sunday night as a combined supper meeting with the Intermediate Department. From May through September the group had open house on Saturday nights in the filling station building next door to the church.

Sunday School Superintendent's annual reports 1939-1963 show Senior Department (Fidelis Class) teachers to be Mrs. Philip Sowers, Mr. Luther Miller, Mrs. Reginald Ballard, Mr. Adcox, Mr. Tom Kern, Pastor Lineberger, Mr. J. Frank Efird, Mrs. Fred Roseman, Jr., Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr., and Mrs. Archie Rufty.

In 1964 the Senior Department was no longer listed in the Sunday School Superintendent's annual report.

Brooks Class

The Brooks Class was originally organized as the Young Married Couples Class. This group met for the first time at 9:45 a.m. on October 16, 1949 in the balcony of the sanctuary. This was the first "mixed" adult class composed of men and women. In the beginning the class devised a set of recommendations:

1. We recommend that the class be organized.

Charter Membership

2. We recommend that the charter membership be left open until December 4, 1949.

Age Limit

3. We recommend that the age limit be 28 years, at which time promotion will be cheerfully accepted, the age to be determined by the age of the youngest member of the class.

Class Name

4. We recommend that each couple be asked to submit a name for the class and the list be submitted to the class with recommendations after study by the committee.

Teachers

5. We recommend that at present the class be taught by its own members and others who may be invited to do so.

Chairman

6. We recommend that until the class is formally organized Johnny Miller be elected temporary chairman.

Approved November 4, 1949

Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Withers
Rev. Harold Terry
Dr. P. D. Brown

Original members were Buck and Betty Withers, Roy and Edna Kluttz, Robert and Susan Peeler, John and Dot Miller, and Willie and Sybil Shaver. Mrs. John Robert Crawford, Jr., was one of the first teachers. Bob Carmichael, Nelle Troxler, Evelyn Sowers, Max Henderlite, and Pastor Earnest Brooks also served as teachers.

First known as the Young Married Couples Class, the name was shortened to Young Couples Class, and (with advancing age) to Couples Class. The group merged in 1966/67 with the Young Adult Class and was then named the Charles Earnest Brooks* Class in honor of a beloved friend and assistant pastor. As already mentioned, the class first met in the balcony, then they met in the very back of the Fellowship Hall, then in the old Junior Department (now Choir Room), and then moved their meeting place to the Youth Center when it was completed.

Besides ministering to other members in the class the group contributed money annually to the Christmas Happiness Fund and supplied funding for projects within the church where needed. Social activities included a Christmas party each year. Recognizing the effectiveness of the Brooks Class and the need for additional groups, some of their members withdrew to form a nucleus for the Miller Class and, later, for the Martin Luther Class.

In 1983 there was no regular teacher but a variety of programs were planned to meet the needs of the group. A retreat to the Lutheran facility at Kuri Beach was planned for 1984.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

The Young Adult Class for those eighteen to twenty-three years of age was planned in 1951 and had its first meeting on January 13, 1952, in the Adult Department next to the Couples Class. Organization was suggested by the pastor, Dr. P. D. Brown, and Church School Super-

* A picture of Pastor Brooks is in Volume 1, page 325.

intendent Marvin Snider for the purpose of getting the "in-between" young adults interested in the Church School. Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis Smith helped organize the Young Adult group and served as advisors and teachers.

Charter members were La Nell Morton (Martin), Mary Ann Petrea (Nelson), June Brantley (Ervin), A. B. Martin, Jr., Inez Bankett (Allen), Martin Harris, Frank Barger, Mary Holzclaw, Marlene Plyler, Mary Catherine Miller (Taylor), Paul Temple, Edith Folger (Julian), Karen Rawling, and Mary Ann Fisher (Clifton).

In December 1956 the group sponsored a Christmas banquet for St. John's college students. Several dinner meetings were held for students at Catawba College that same year, and in 1957 the class sponsored a social meeting for the Catawba College students and nurses in training at Rowan Memorial Hospital. A Christmas party was held for St. John's college students in December. President of the group was A. B. Martin.

The group remained active and in 1960 the annual Christmas banquet for the young adult age group was held at the church on Tuesday night, December 27, at 6:45 p.m. This event, directed by the Young Adult Sunday School Class, was designed to give special greetings to the members of St. John's who were home for the holidays from college or military service. Jane Shuping and Georgia Barringer were co-chairmen of the committee. Charles Sowers was class president that year.

Members also recall picnic suppers at the church and at Carson Brantley's farm, swimming parties at the old Peeler's Lake, bridge parties and dinner parties in members' homes—all activities emphasizing attendance and participation.

Annual reports to the Sunday School Superintendent were not always complete. From 1960 through 1966 and later years the following teachers were listed in addition to the regular teacher, John Ellis Smith: Pastor Robert B. Lineberger, Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr., Mr. George Schladensky, Max Henderlite, Mrs. Leo Sowers, Tom Roth, Luther Miller, Mrs. Philip Sowers, Mrs. John Robert Crawford, Julian Smith, members A. B. Martin and June Brantley, and guest teachers Graham Carlton (First Baptist) and J. F. Harrelson (First Methodist).

The Young Adult Class merged with the Couples Class in 1966/67 and was named the Earnest Brooks Class.

Miller Class

A new Young Adult Class appears in the records for 1971/72 with James Rollans listed as president. No teachers names are entered for that year but Larry Peeler was listed as teacher for 1972/73. In March

1973, meeting in room 218, the Young Adult Class named themselves the Miller Class as a tribute to the Rev. Hollis Allen Miller,* assistant pastor at St. John's, whose love and leadership had inspired, sustained, and advanced their development. Charter members were James and Marion Rollans, Carolyn and Perry Hood, Doris and Jerry Freeze, Larry and Peggy Peeler, and Eleanor Sifford—some of whom were former members of the Brooks Class. The Miller Class grew rapidly and moved to room 217. James Rollans was the co-ordinator and teacher for approximately five years.

Another Young Adult Class, also referred to as the College Discussion Group (see section on Campus Ministry below), was begun in 1977 and chaired by Raye Rufty with Dr. J. Daniel Brown as teacher. Eddie and Sally Grissom served as assistant teachers to Dr. Brown 1979/80, and John Henderlite was chairman of Campus Ministry 1980/81. The group divided at the end of their college careers. Some became members of the Miller Class while others pursued careers in distant locations.

The Agape Class, yet another group of young people, met together 1978-1981 under the leadership of Larry and Jane Britt, who served as teachers along with Pastor David Huddle. Young couples with children found it difficult to attend regularly so they disbanded and became part of the Miller Class.

Besides the long-time service of James Rollans, another group of teachers for this class are listed in the annual Sunday School Reports for the decade (1973-1983). They are as follows: Peggy M. Peeler, Discussion Leader Co-ordinator; David Roof; Larry Peeler; and various members of the class. A resource committee for planning programs was made up of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kenerly, Mrs. Julie Pinkston, and Peggy Peeler Rouzer.

Campus Ministry

In this article on campus ministry Pastor David K. Huddle recalls and records the interaction between members of St. John's and college students in Salisbury and away from home:

No history of St. John's would be complete if some mention were not made of the efforts to provide campus ministry. As can be observed in the preceding histories of the Young Adult Sunday School Class and the Miller Class, ministry to students at Catawba College has been provided by members of St. John's for a number of years, offering a church home away from home. Various groups and committees within the church had recognized and focused on the needs of Lutheran students at the College. Transportation on Sunday morning, adopt-a-student

* A picture of Pastor Miller is in Volume 1, page 354.

for the school year, social activities, and friendship were some of the projects sponsored by St. John's Church members.

In 1976 it was proposed that a summer program be instituted to provide Sunday School for St. John's college students who were at home for the summer months. Dr. J. Daniel Brown, professor of philosophy at Catawba College and a member of St. John's, was asked to teach the group. The experiment proved to be quite successful, and the class was well attended with great enthusiasm. However, when the students returned to their respective schools in the fall, the classroom was sometimes empty. Lutheran students from Catawba College were then invited to attend. Slowly the group began to grow.

The result was that when St. John's students were away, the Catawba students populated the class; when Catawba students left for holidays, the St. John's students, attending colleges elsewhere, were at home and came to the class. The classroom was relatively full every Sunday. Gradually the program was expanded to include retreats and social events for the combined group, thus providing a year-round campus ministry program which built relationships between two distinct groups of college students. This unique approach to ministry to St. John's members and local Catawba students developed into a model for others involved in Campus Ministry throughout the Lutheran Church in America.

A report to the Church Council in the fall of 1978 included recognition and understanding of the conditions and needs of the person of college age and was reflective of the efforts made to minister to college students:

Ministry to the campus is difficult to define, difficult to implement, and difficult to assess. College students, who constitute the majority of those to whom we minister, are in a vulnerable period of life. Living between childhood and full adulthood, they frequently do not relate to the church.

To minister to these people, one must meet them where they are—cut loose from the ties of childhood and yet unattached to adulthood. This "in-between-freedom" is reflected in their life-styles, their activities, and their involvement in the church. It is necessary, if we are to minister to them, to do so in a very open and free style. Frequently, the ministry must occur within the framework of what appears to be "non-church" activities. These activities provide the occasion for them to relate to one another, to the leaders, and most important, to the church.

With the appointment of a Campus Ministry Committee, working under the direction of the Service and Fellowship Board, St. John's ministry to college students expanded. Beginning in November 1979 a bi-monthly newsletter, "Campus," was published by the students, printed

in the church office, and mailed to all Catawba Lutheran students and all St. John's college students throughout the southeast.

A look at a typical year of campus ministry at St. John's reveals the high degree of commitment to this type of ministry, both by the congregation and the students. In January or February a ski-retreat was held for three days in Boone. Catawba students were joined by St. John's students from all over the state for a three day retreat of skiing, dialogue, learning, sharing, problem solving, singing, worship and Holy Communion.

During the Easter break, while Catawba students were away from Salisbury, cook-outs were held for the St. John's students. In May another joint get-together was held to welcome home the St. John's students and send off the Catawba students for their summer vacation. During the month of July, a five-day retreat was held at High Rock Lake. It was a time for fun in the sun, swimming, water skiing, sharing, dialogue, and worship. A number of Catawba students often returned to participate in all or part of the activities with the St. John's students.

In August a joint party would be held to welcome back the Catawba students and send off the St. John's students to their various colleges and universities. In October, the Catawba students would have a day retreat into the mountains to view the changing leaf color, picnic, and worship. During the Thanksgiving holidays, the Campus Ministry Committee would hold a special Thanksgiving dinner for the Catawba students who could not be home for the holidays. Finally, during the Christmas break, a New Year's party would be held for the St. John's students before they returned to their various colleges.

Each Sunday, the class met during the Sunday School hour and it was not unusual to find a good mixture of resident Catawba students enjoying the company of two or three St. John's students who happened to be home for the weekend.

Trips, retreats, a special ten-day trip to the Bahamas, study groups, Bible studies, helping with worship were all a part of Campus Ministry at St. John's. During exam periods at Catawba, the campus ministry room was opened each night so that students could come to St. John's and find a quiet place to study in preparation for their exams. A well-stocked refrigerator and pantry, provided by the committee, made it possible to spend study time in a most productive manner.

During the years from 1976 and continuing on into the 1980's campus ministry was a vital part of the life and ministry of St. John's congregation. The impact of this live and viable ministry, of course, cannot be measured. However, it is not unusual to hear a former student say: "I am active in a congregation now because when I was a college student, St. John's was active in my life. The love and care

and concern I experienced through St. John's Campus Ministry will always be a part of my treasured memories of college life!"

Eva Peeler Bible Class

The Eva Peeler Class was the outgrowth of an organization of teenage girls of St. John's in 1915. The first elected teacher was Mrs. J. L. Fisher, followed by Carrie Redwine, Mary Porter Smith, and Mrs. Jenkins Peeler. The class occupied the library of the church on North Main Street for the Sunday School hour.

Charter members of the class were Georgia Casper Aull, Mary Sifford Brown, Anne Thorpe Reynolds Clifford, Emily Snider Collins, Helen Pirie Houch, Mary Kathryn Fisher Kluttz, Wilhelmina Fulk Miller, Gaither Pearson, Caroline Pearson, Annie Laurie Workman Seagle, Pauline Peeler Tatum, and Mary Lee Barnhardt Thornburg.

In 1917 Eva Peeler* was elected teacher and the group was named The Young Ladies' Class. There was much rivalry between the Young Ladies' (Peeler) Class and the Young Men's (J. L. Fisher) Class. There were challenging contests between the two classes that created much interest, particularly in increasing membership and in numerous activities. At one time the Peeler Class was surprised to learn the Young Men's Class had sent a picture of their class to be published in the *Parish School* magazine. The response from the firm was that the picture would be accepted if a picture was sent of the corresponding class of young ladies. The two pictures were accepted and the classes were shown in the June 1932 issue of the *Parish School*.

The membership increased rapidly in the Eva Peeler Class after St. John's occupied the present building in 1926. More than one hundred members were enrolled with an average attendance of eighty-five by 1928.

"Miss Eva," as she was affectionately known, was truly the guiding light, serving as a most loyal inspirational friend and teacher. During her life she was a busy church worker. Her numerous church activities equalled those of a qualified professional parish worker. She participated in the Women's Missionary Society, the Church Choir, and the Luther League. She was the recognized leader of St. John's Luther League and held positions on the executive board of the Luther League of the United Lutheran Church in America for ten years. She was recording secretary of that organization for six years. "Miss Eva's" last appearance in St. John's was when she taught her class on a Sunday in April 1932. Suffering a stroke, she was confined to her home until the time of her death on October 31, 1947.

In gratitude and admiration for Miss Eva's example of the Christian way of life, the class was named in her honor in 1934. Even as

* A picture of Miss Peeler is in Volume 1, page 248.

an invalid she pursued church work at home with the help of her sister, Miss Abbie Peeler. She assisted in addressing and mailing materials from St. John's office.

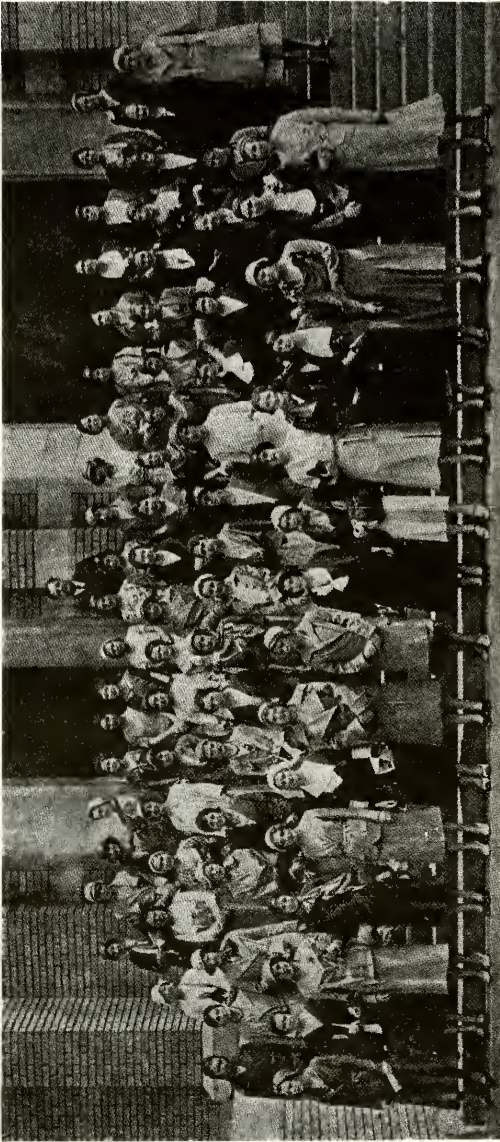
The class organization was then, as it is today, a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. In the early years there was an election held for these offices. At the class meeting, competition was often keen and heated as there were two, and even three, candidates running for the same office. Nominations were also accepted from the floor. Many times someone who was nominated from the floor won the election.

In addition to the Sunday morning lessons, the Eva Peeler Class held monthly class meetings in the homes of individual members. In December the class had a Christmas party in lieu of the regular class meeting. This, too, was held in a private home. Some of the homes remembered for these occasions were those of Mildred Beaver, Virginia Goodnight, Virginia Beaver, and Lillian Peeler. Two weeks before the party names were drawn for exchanging gifts with each other. There was a "price to pay" for these gifts, not to exceed 25¢—later 50¢. Today the Christmas season is celebrated with a covered dish dinner and program when a class member may invite her husband or a special guest.

The Eva Peeler Class always remembered and maintained contact with an orphan child from The Salem Lutheran Orphan Home while the institution was still in operation. The name of a child, usually a little girl, was sent to the class members. At the request of the class the child sent her list of things wanted for Christmas including clothes, toys, and school supplies. A special collection for this project was always enough to supply the child with everything she asked for. She was also remembered on her birthday and at Easter.

The Eva Peeler Class provided Christian ministry to the local community in many ways. Special offerings were collected to buy a ton of coal for a needy family and for a basket of food at Thanksgiving for poor people—those less fortunate than the givers. Money was donated to the Milk Fund in the city schools so the poor children could have milk and a hot meal in the cafeteria. There was a Shoe Fund operated and maintained by The Salvation Army. The Eva Peeler Class supported this cause generously during school days when the need was greatest.

Through 1983 the class continued to support causes such as World Hunger Appeal and United Way. The Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry (RCCM) was supported by contributions of clothing, time, and money. Members from the Eva Peeler Class also provided volunteer labor to help staff the RCCM processing unit. Additional service to others included volunteers who delivered "Meals on Wheels," a community



The Young Ladies' Bible Class, St. John's Church, Salisbury, N.C., 1932.

This class has an enrollment of approximately eighty-five members with an average attendance of sixty-five. The class is under the able direction of Miss Eva Peeler, and has the following officers and committees: *Officers*—President—Miss Margaret Workman. Vice President—Mrs. T. R. Plyler. Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Fred Ryan. Ass't Sec.-Treas.—Miss Edna Casper. *Committees*—Membership, Visiting the Sick, Ways and Means, Program.



The Eva Peeler Bible Class, 1945.
[Formerly the Young Ladies' Bible Class.]

project to provide a nourishing meal to the home of the disabled, elderly, or otherwise homebound. Ministry to the bereaved family within the congregation was provided through a meal, supplied and served by the class members at a time suitable to meet the needs of the family.

Teachers on record throughout the years for the Eva Peeler Class were: Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Carrie Redwine, Mary Porter Smith, Mrs. Jenkins Peeler, Miss Eva Peeler, Mrs. B. K. Barringer, Rev. E. L. Misenheimer, Julian Smith, Odel Sapp, Max Henderlite, Mrs. C. E. Housman, Mrs. John Gregory, Ruth Kesler Uzzell, Janice Elizabeth Raney, Lillian Caldwell Peeler, Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr., Dr. Roy A. Agner, Jr., Wilson Smith, Fletcher Cauble, Mrs. Leo Sowers, Mrs. J. Lewis (Ruth) Sowers, Mrs. Philip (Evelyn) Sowers, Mrs. Sarah Peeler, Sister Catharine Stirewalt, Ruth Diehl Riddle, Mrs. Anne M. Fritz, Mrs. Nelle Troxler, and Mrs. Ellen Hudson Trexler. Two of the above named teachers, Ruth Uzzell and Ellen Trexler, were recognized in 1981 for having given St. John's Sunday School fifteen years or more service as teachers.

The Eva Peeler Class has remained since organization a beneficial auxiliary of the church. Dedicated service has been given in church work and organized charitable groups. Showing interest in and love for all was characteristic of this class.

Snider Memorial Bible Class*

The following story was written by Annie Graham Julian and Mary Elizabeth Sweet Rufty:

The Snider Memorial Bible Class was organized in the fall of 1916 at the home of Mrs. W. L. Ross, who then lived on East Henderson Street. It was first known as the Von Bora Bible Class, having been named for Catherine von Bora, wife of Martin Luther.



W. F. Snider

The class was organized for the purpose of assisting the church through money raising projects and special services. The first teacher [name not known] was a non-Lutheran missionary who worked at the YMCA. Names of charter members were remembered as Mrs. W. L. Ross, Lillian Julian Sweet, Mrs. Cora Linker Tysinger, Mrs. W. F. Rattz, Mrs. H. C. Stout, Mrs. Troy Younce Tankersley, Lillian Fraley Withers, Mae Miller, Marie Link, and Ella Pinkston. After a short term the missionary teacher was succeeded by Mr. W. F. Snider² who served as teacher until his death in 1922. With Mr. Snider as leader the Von Bora Bible Class grew rapidly.

* A Snider Class picture is in Volume 1, page 281.

Paul Bernhardt, who had been the assistant teacher, was unanimously elected teacher after Mr. Snider's death, with H. C. Lentz, Sr., and Mrs. T. Edgar Johnston [daughter of former Sunday School Superintendent Robert Kizer] as assistant teachers. At this time, in 1922, the name of the class was changed from the Von Bora Bible Class to the Snider Memorial Bible Class in memory of its long-time teacher.

Mr. Bernhardt taught until his death, and Mrs. T. Edgar Johnston became teacher, serving until she passed away in February of 1957. At that time the class had an enrollment of ninety-eight active members, led by teachers Dr. Cora Gray, Miss Mabel Lippard, and Mrs. Ruth Uzzell.

Very little information is available until 1932, when church records included the minutes of the Bible Class monthly meetings. At that time the membership had grown to 128, with an average attendance of 75.

According to the minutes, the thirties were active years with many money-making projects benefiting the church and community. The projects included the sale of pencils and whet rocks (\$20 profit when all sold); continuous sales of flavoring, shampoo and jello; the sale of church calendars at the request of the pastor, Dr. Stirewalt (50 ordered and sold); ice cream suppers; rain and sunshine bag sales; Christmas Bazaars; the making and selling of quilts; a cake and egg sale (Easter); pillow cases sewn from material from Danville, Virginia; rummage sales; brunswick stew suppers; plate lunches sold at Spencer Shops (25¢ each); and the sale of overshoes (40¢ a pair). In one project members could have their names put on a quilt and be eligible for the drawing by contributing 10¢. Bessie Peeler won the quilt but gave it back to be sold at the bazaar. Mrs. C. F. Raney bought the quilt for \$25.00.

Money from these projects was used to meet many needs. Some expenditures recorded in the minutes are \$5.00 to YMCA, \$25.00 toward acoustics in church, \$10.00 to Orphan Home, \$12.50 (gladly given) toward a \$50.00 stove for the Ladies Parlor, \$10.00 to Dr. Morgan, \$10.00 for choir robes, \$11.00 toward mimeograph machine for church office, two new tables for serving dinners, \$100.00 to Building fund, \$5.00 for new binding on hymn books, one half of a ton of coal to a needy family, \$1.00 to Needlework Guild, sweater, cap, and gloves for an orphan (\$4.11), and fruit to needy families. Frequent mention was made of assistance to schools. Funds were provided for milk for one child for the school year. Book fees, lunches, and clothing were also provided. Miss Annie Bostian, at that time a school principal, made personal visits to the class to express appreciation, and several ladies accepted her invitation to have lunch at her school.

The minutes showed a sincere concern for welfare of members with regular visits to the sick and sorrowing. At one meeting Mrs. C. F.

Raney offered flowers from her garden to be taken by all members visiting the sick.

In the nineteen-forties, in keeping with ULCA policy, Pastor Brown discouraged many of the money-raising projects. However, the good works continued through special offerings taken during Sunday School classes.

Evidence of the effect of World War II was recorded in the records of the Snider Class in 1942 when an \$18.75 war bond was purchased and "placed in Mr. J. L. Fisher's private box at Wachovia." Among other activities indicative of wartime, the class voted to give \$5.00 to Red Cross, Mrs. W. D. Morgan was authorized to register for food ration books and to buy the staple groceries used to prepare meals, and waste paper and coat hangers were saved to sell and buy defense stamps. Also during that year it was decided to buy curtains for the rostrum in the Sunday School room and to ask the Brotherhood, to whom they served dinner one Tuesday night each month, for a donation toward remodeling the kitchen. A Christmas party was held at Mrs. B. W. Barger's, whose home seemed to be a favorite for special occasions. Each member brought a 25¢ gift for exchange.

Class meetings always included entertainment where there was much fun and enjoyment. At one of Mrs. C. F. Raney's "fun programs" she read poems about the officers, and those who couldn't recognize themselves had to pay a penalty, causing much hilarity as the minutes noted that "Mrs. Carl Julian could really crow like a rooster."

Their fondness for cooking was evidenced by the many meals the class served to all ages, all types of occasions, and to groups of any size.

In 1947 the class joined in an effort to block the showing of the gangster picture *The Life of Al Capone*, and to promote a crusade for better and more wholesome pictures from Hollywood. Mrs. Henry Tysinger was asked to write petitions protesting the showing of such films. Also in 1947 Dr. Cora Gray led a drive to fill boxes with staples or clothing to send to Germany. Several months later letters were received expressing thanks.

In 1948 a Tackey party was held at Carrie Barger's home. Rose Julian won first prize for her costume. Pictures were made, and are now located in the church archives.

In 1949 a barbecue supper was enjoyed by 140 people; Mrs. Adam Walser reported on and received approval for \$200.00 to complete tiling the kitchen; Carrie Barger continued her role as Santa Claus, stuffed with pillows and jingling bells; the beloved teacher, Mrs. T. E. Johnston, commended the members on their cooperation and interest.

During the fifties generous monetary contributions were continued for needy families, charity groups, improvement of church facilities, orphans, shut-ins, and for their own members in times of need or sorrow.

Monthly class meetings continued with frequent covered dish suppers. Programs varied from musical entertainment to travelogues, speakers on topics of interest, and purely fun times. Mrs. W. B. Kesler won a prize for recounting her most embarrassing moment and bringing the most laughter from the group. Mrs. George Vogler won an old-timey spelling bee. Mrs. P. E. Weant won first prize for naming the most members by their first names. Mrs. Carl Julian guessed the amount of candy in a jar.

Dr. Cora Gray, who had resigned as a teacher because of bad health, and had recently bought a cottage at the Lowman Home in South Carolina, visited with the class. She introduced to them the idea of having a home for the aged in North Carolina. (Local church members think she was the first person to suggest the Lutheran Home).

In 1955 Mrs. John D. Brown had a perfect attendance of thirty-four years in Sunday School; Mrs. M. A. Byrne, one year; and Mrs. George Harkey, one year. An invitation was read to the class for the wedding of Barbara Louise Brown, the daughter of Dr. P. D. and Mrs. Brown. The class was also invited to Frank Lyerly's graduation from the seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of class member Mrs. B. F. Lyerly. A copy of *Leaves of Gold* was given to each. The class rejoiced with Pastor and Mrs. Efird when a baby daughter was born January 13, 1957, and with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown in celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

With the passage of time and with an aging membership in the Snider Class, beginning in 1958 class meetings were held quarterly rather than monthly. In December of the same year monthly meetings in the homes of the members were discontinued.

In 1970 Sunday School classes were moved into the new Educational building. The Snider Class was assigned to meet in the new chapel, remaining when the other adult classes left after opening devotions. This did not prove to be satisfactory with class members and at their request they were allowed to return to their former meeting site in the church basement.

In September 1978, the Snider Class and the Annie Fink Class merged. The Annie Fink Class contained sixteen members, several of whom were shut-ins.

The motto adopted many years earlier "not to be ministered unto but to minister to others" truly describes the spirit of the Snider Class begun about seventy years ago. Since the class name was changed to Snider-Fink many things have been done to help others, but no records have been kept.

Records are not complete but as well as could be compiled the names of teachers are Mr. W. F. Snider, Mr. Paul Bernhardt, Mr. Hugh Petrea, Mrs. T. E. Johnston, Miss Mabel Lippard, Mrs. Zeb Morgan, Dr. P.

D. Brown, Mrs. Sam Bame, Mrs. E. C. Housman, Dr. Cora Gray, Mrs. Ruth K. Uzzell, Mrs. J. Lewis Smith, Dr. Frank Efird, Dr. Roy Agner, Jr., Miss Janice Raney, Mrs. Robert B. Lineberger, Mrs. Archie Rufty, Mrs. R. H. (Mary) Bingham, Mrs. Terry Agner, Mrs. Philip Sowers, Mr. Julian Smith, Mr. Tom Roth, Mrs. Earnest Brooks, Mrs. A. S. Hudson, Mr. J. Max Henderlite, Mrs. R. Douglas Fritz, Rev. David Martin, Mrs. Ruth Riddle, and Mrs. Ellen Trexler. In 1983 Miss Janice Raney had taught the Snider Class for more than fifteen years.

Annie Fink Class

A large Bible located in a display case in the archives of St. John's bears the following inscription on its flyleaf: "Presented to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church by The Willing Workers' Class of St. John's Lutheran Sunday School, January 1927." The Willing Workers were identified as the first in a series of names of the Sunday School class which is here identified as the Annie Fink Class.

Another name attributed to this group was Mothers' Class, described as "Mother and Child Together" in an article of the 1930 issue of *The Lutheran* which is reproduced previously in this chapter. When the children were able to attend Sunday School without a mother in attendance, the women stayed together as a unit and were identified as the Lady's Bible Class.

The group was first organized around 1927 and was taught by Mrs. Edward Fulenwider. Helen (Rufty) Holsclaw was also a teacher in the Mothers' Class for a number of years. Evidently the teachers rotated schedules as Mrs. Jacob Miller taught the ladies in 1928 with Mrs. Fulenwider teaching again in 1929. At that time there were thirty-eight members in the class. Some of the original members were Mrs. Carl Leonard, Mrs. Bertie Cauble, Mrs. Lily Bogle, Mrs. Rex, Mrs. Daisy Eagle, Mrs. N. A. Trexler, Mrs. Ivey Miller, Mrs. McNeely Miller, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. Fallie Brantley, Mrs. Ethel Wagoner, Mrs. Cora Lee Dry, Mrs. Lottie Plyler, Mrs. Ruby Adams, Mrs. Mozell Hartley, Mrs. Mathey Wyatt, Mrs. Mabel Graham, Mrs. Joe Myers, Mrs. Sam Bame, Mrs. Vernell Ludwick, Mrs. Roy Peeler, Mrs. Si Graham, Mrs. Carl Fink, Mrs. Geo. Brady, Mrs. L. C. Misenheimer, Mrs. Sadie Page, Mrs. Ruth Cauble Howard, Mrs. Inez Harris, Mrs. Theda Rickmond, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. Lena Thomas (Fincher), and Mrs. W. A. Brown.



Annie Fink

After Mrs. Fulenwider's departure from St. John's, Mrs. Annie Fink taught this class from 1930-35. The class soon moved to the Adult Sunday School Department after the mothers no

longer needed to be near the children and after Mrs. Fink left to teach at Crossnore. To honor her for her faithful service the class requested Mrs. Fink, in 1936, to let them use her name as their class name.

No records were kept of the Annie Fink Class but some of the teachers names were recalled: Mrs. Zeb Morgan, Mrs. A. S. Hudson, Dr. Roy A. Agner, Jr., Mrs. Ruth Uzzell, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, Mrs. T. C. Adams, Mrs. McNeely Miller, Mrs. John Ellis Smith, Jr., Mr. Tom Roth, Mr. John E. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Lamar Trexler, Mrs. Stiles Markey, Mr. W. C. Bost, and Mrs. Norman Riddle.

In 1978, more than fifty years after the class was begun, the membership was decreasing. Finding a similar situation within the Snider Memorial Class, the two groups of women merged into one Sunday School class known as the Snider-Fink Class. Additional information is included with the Snider Class material.

George H. Cox Bible Class

According to Mr. C. E. Weinbrunn, who wrote the history of the George H. Cox Bible Class as published in *St. John's Journal*, April 1957, the class was one of six in the adult department at that time with an average attendance of seventy-two. Robert L. Lyerly was president. The group was first known by the name of Brotherhood Class.

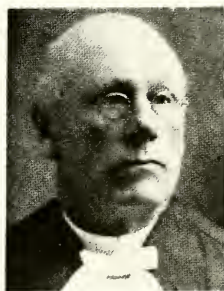
There is a strong possibility that this may be the same group of men whose activities are listed in several issues of the *Rowan County Lutheran*:

January 1909. Men's Bible Class taught by Dr. Kinard meets each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The class is composed of the young men of the church who propose to do systematic Bible study. The text book studied for the present is *Bible Teachings*, by Dr. Joseph Stump.

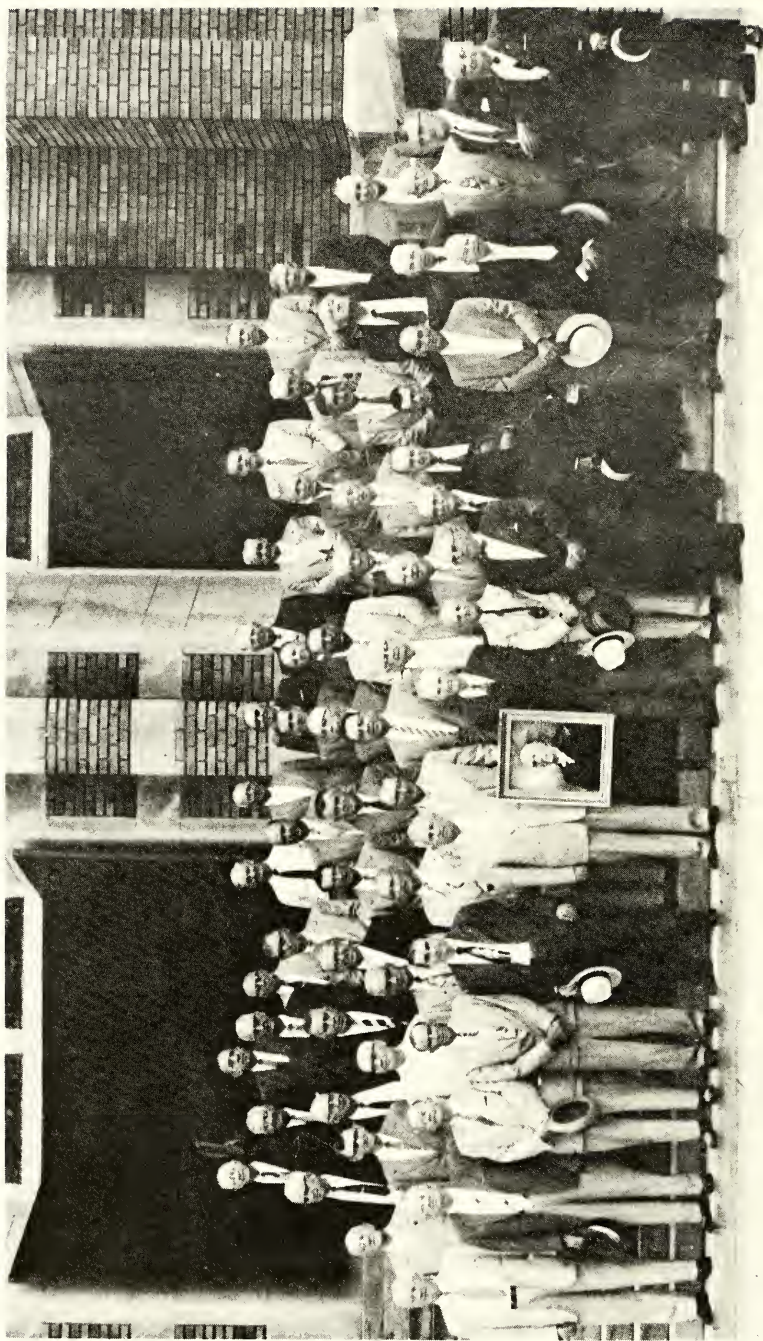
February 1909. The pastor's Men's Bible Class, 50 strong, meets every Sunday at 2:30 and holds an hour's session for systematic study of the holy scriptures.

April 1909. The Men's Bible Class held an interesting meeting at 2:30 discussing the resurrection of Christ and his followers.

On January 2, 1927, when the present St. John's building was dedicated, the Brotherhood Class had an attendance of 160 from an enrolled 162. Dr. Cox was teacher of the class and continued as teacher until his death on December 7, 1928. On Sunday, December 9, 1928, with 106 members present the class voted unanimously to



George H. Cox



The George H. Cox Bible Class, 1945.

name themselves the George H. Cox Bible Class as a perpetual memorial to the great teacher, educator, and humanitarian.

Mr. Weinbrunn's history contains a biographical sketch of the man for whom the class was named:

The Rev. Dr. Cox was born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 9, 1838. He was educated in the public schools of Boston.... His grandfather, Samuel Trask, served with George Washington at Valley Forge as captain of artillery. Other members of his family included the poet Oliver Wendell Holmes and the inventor Elias Howe.

Dr. Cox came south in the winter of 1856 and opened a confectionary business in Knoxville, Tennessee. He joined the Confederate army and was wounded in the first battle of Manassas. After the war ended, Dr. Cox taught school for twenty years.

During his years of teaching he must have prepared himself for the ministry. He was ordained by the Holston Synod of Tennessee on September 22, 1872. Fifteen years later records of the North Carolina Synod show that Dr. Cox was received in 1887 and afterwards served some of the most important pastorates in the North Carolina Synod. He served as president of the Synod 1890-1893 and again 1904-1907.

In 1886 Dr. Cox was married to his second wife, Mrs. Ellen Kesler Barringer, who lived near Union Church in Rowan County. He moved to Salisbury to live in 1920. For the last two years of his life he was the respected and revered teacher of the Brotherhood Class of St. John's Church. He wrote many books during this time all of which dealt with phases of the Lutheran Faith.

Although the list is not complete, teachers of the Cox Class on record from 1939-1981 are W. B. Kesler, Dr. P. D. Brown, H. C. Petrea, Julian Smith, W. Luther Miller, E. S. Temple, Curtis Cobb, Eugene Smith, Donald L. Weinhold, Jr., and Donald L. Weinhold, Sr. In 1981 the Cox Class merged with the James L. Fisher Class and is now known as the Fisher-Cox Class.

Two stories from *St. John's Journal* provide vignettes of fun and fellowship as three of the Sunday School classes combined for a Christmas celebration. The stories are reproduced as follows:

Cox, Fink, and Snider Classes Have Joint Christmas Social
(December 1959)

An evening of fellowship was enjoyed by members and guests of the George H. Cox, the Annie Fink, and the Snider

Memorial Bible classes on December 14. Following the invocation by Pastor Efird, approximately 175 people helped themselves to a delicious covered-dish supper.

Welcomes were extended by Mrs. Thelma Walser and Mrs. Lena Thomas of the host classes. Mr. C. E. Weinbrunn, president of the Cox class, spoke a word of appreciation on behalf of the Cox class and other guests.

Carols, games, the awarding of a "door prize," and a quiz show conducted with a panel of "experts" provided entertainment for the group.

Classes Meet For Evening Of Fellowship (December 1960)

The smell of country ham and lots of other good food filled the church basement Thursday night, December 21. The Cox, Snider, and Fink Sunday School classes got together for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Mrs. Thelma Walser was master of ceremonies. Following the invocation by Pastor Efird, everyone filed by the tables of food provided by the class members, and then sat at tables on which were plates of ham biscuits.

Johnny Miller conducted a panel for "The Price is Right" skit. Panelists were Mrs. Ruth Uzzell, Wilson Smith, Mrs. J. R. Driscoll, and Bob Carmichael. In another round of fun, participants were blindfolded and fed each other open face jelly sandwiches. They were C. E. Kneeburg, Clifford Beaver, Odell Sapp, Robert Carmichael, C. E. Weinbrunn, and Hugh Petrea. Wilson Smith reminded those who are parents of some of the humorous things children say, and Odell Sapp gave a witty introduction of a speaker who did not show up. The group brought the program to a close by singing Christmas carols, led by Pastor Lineberger, with Sara Lou Thomas accompanying at the piano.

James L. Fisher Bible Class

What is now the James L. Fisher Bible Class was first known as the Young Men's Bible Class. A brief early history and a picture of the Young Men's Bible Class was published in the August 1932 issue of *Parish School*. According to that account, "This class was organized in 1913. At that date there were seven members who selected as their teacher Mrs. P. S. Carlton," who "taught the class until 1925. During this period the enrollment increased to twenty-five members. In 1925 Mr. J. L. Fisher, the present teacher, was elected. Through his efforts

the class had increased until today [1932] there are 170 young men enrolled."

The organizer and teacher for this Young Men's Bible Class, Mrs. Pritchard Sylvester (Beulah Kern) Carlton, had been confirmed in 1898 in Union Lutheran Church and later transferred to St. John's, Salisbury. She brought with her a love of the scriptures which she willingly shared during her twelve years of teaching the class. After 1925, when the teaching responsibility was relinquished to James L. Fisher,* Mrs. Carlton was honored by the men as their class "Mother" and each Mother's Day she "brought the message" until her death in April 1951.

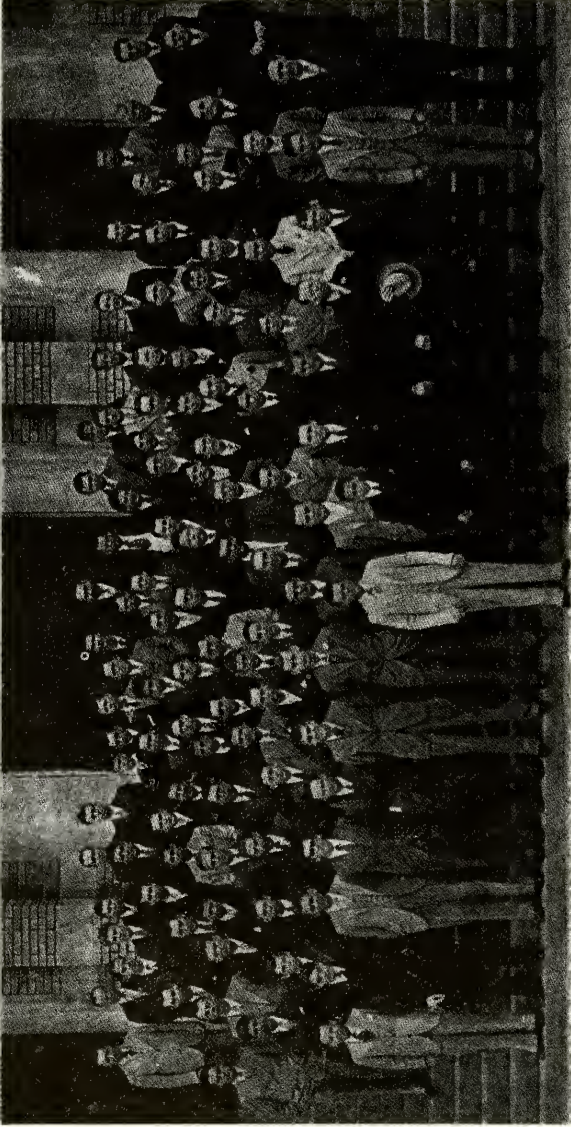
Upon the death of Mrs. Carlton the Women of the Church recognized her worth in memorial resolutions sent to her family and to *The North Carolina Lutheran*, acknowledging "the great loss of one so rich in faith, so wise in counsel, and so dedicated to Christian service." Their resolution also stated, "We are grateful to God for her life of usefulness and her bright and happy spirit that radiated a Christian life to all who were privileged to know her. Her long and faithful service as teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class will always be remembered, and the seed which she planted will bear fruit for eternity."

The class, which began with seven students and had grown to twenty-five at the time Mr. Fisher became the teacher, expanded greatly under his leadership. His devotion and dedication of purpose evoked so much admiration that on October 29, 1947, when he had taught the class for twenty-five years, Mr. Fisher was honored by that class when the name was changed from that of the Young Men's Bible Class to that of the James L. Fisher Class.

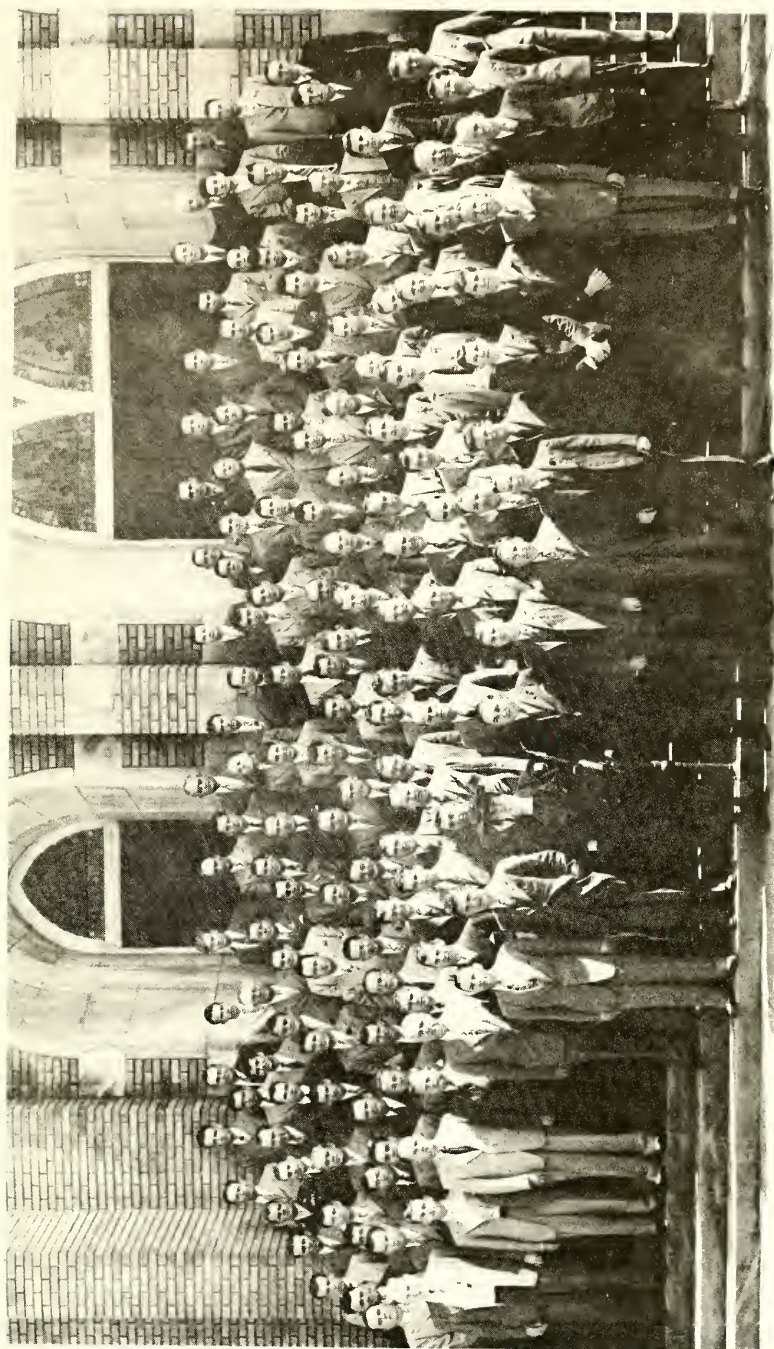
So great and lasting was Mr. Fisher's influence that in 1976 on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death, the Class paid tribute to their "beloved teacher and friend" with these words:

Mere words cannot express what "Mr. Jim" meant to each and every member who, through the years, had the opportunity and privilege to be one of his "boys," to be present in his class Sunday after Sunday to be challenged and inspired by his wonderful lessons. There is no yardstick with which to measure the profound influence Mr. Jim had upon each and every man who had the privilege to be a member of his class. Mr. Fisher was a man who ... "walked with honor and followed no guide but integrity in his chosen profession. He conducted himself by the Book in his church; he made his citizenship a thing of fine obligation; and, as husband and father, he was a man whose nature was cast in classic design."

* A picture of Mr. Fisher is in Volume 1, page 275.



The Young Men's Bible Class of St. John's Church, Salisbury, N.C., 1932
as published in the *Parish School* magazine.



The Young Men's Bible Class, 1945 [Now the James L. Fisher Bible Class]
with Mrs. P. S. Carlton, Former Teacher and Class Mother.

This Bible class for men at St. John's was created, as the name implies, as a means of study to understand and appreciate the Holy Scripture. The effect on the lives of the men and young men who attended the Sunday School was exemplary. Christian discipline and fellowship in their own lives, concern for others in their work place and in the community, and leadership within the church and community were attributes of those in the group. The weekly informal comradeship of stories told and events shared over a cup of coffee and the Christian fellowship before and the learning experience during the lesson instilled a sense of duty, of diligence, and desire for a worthy life.

Members of this class played a leadership role in church education; members such as Marvin Snider, Wilson Smith, Julian Smith, and Robert Carmichael who have served as superintendents of the Sunday School; and members of this class have effectively taught Sunday School in this and other adult and young people's classes, sometimes setting a record for the number of years as a teacher. Fisher Class records credit Clifford Peeler with fifty-six years (Intermediate Department for thirty years and the Fisher Class for twenty-six years), W. B. Kesler with forty-four years (Fisher Class four years, Cox Class forty years), Odell Sapp with thirty-five years, John Isenhour with more than twenty-six years, Curtis Cobb with more than thirty years (Junior Department fourteen years, Cox and Fisher Classes sixteen years), and Julian Smith with more than thirty years. Homer Horah served as class secretary for twenty years, Marcus Fisher served as class treasurer for thirteen years, and Claude Faggart served as secretary of the adult department for sixteen years.

Many Fisher Class members have served on the Church Council while some have served on committees at St. John's, committees of the North Carolina Synod and in nation-wide Lutheran organizations—giving of their time, talent, and money.

The 1940's war years affected the membership of the James L. Fisher Class. In 1944 there were reported sixty-eight St. John's members in the military service and the number grew to ninety-four, nineteen of them from the Fisher Class, in 1946—the final year of World War II. Grateful for an end to the war, returning veterans and those who had persevered at home worked together at church and in the community to try to make a better world.

A corporate personality of a church is certainly developed by pastoral leadership but certain members also bring to the congregation a feeling of joy and fellowship. Such a person was Odell Sapp, long-time member and teacher of the James L. Fisher Class. His love of people, his mirthful approach to life, his constant attendance at St. John's, and his interest in all sports played by the University of North Carolina were his contagious characteristics. After he became ill, his fellow class

members and friends honored him by declaring an "Odell Sapp Day." As a special tribute at his funeral service the following year the congregation could detect the strains of "Hark the Sound of Tar Hill Voices" intermingled in the organ prelude.

The records of men who served as president of the class include Dwight Fink 1929-30, Bill Busby 1931, Joe Gardner 1933, R. A. Safrit 1934, Carl Fink 1935, Harold Mowery 1936, John Isenhour 1937, Glenn Ketner 1938, Tom Leonard 1941, Raymond Rufty 1942, Ernest Safrit 1943, Archie Rufty 1946, Floyd Williams 1947, Max Busby 1948, Marius Goodnight 1949, L. G. Goodman 1950, John Thomas 1951-52, Wilson Smith 1953, Thomas Kern 1954, Lloyd Troxler 1955, Ivey McDaniel and John Spencer 1956, Charles Brady 1957, Tom Rufty 1958, J. D. Porter 1959, Dr. Glenn Kizer 1960, Emmette Thompson 1961, Roy Folger 1962, Fletcher Cauble, Jr. 1963, Roy D. Beaver 1964, Howard Cline 1965, Leo Brown 1966, Fred Bradshaw 1967, Robert Carmichael 1968, Robert Wolff 1969, Edward Shuping 1970-71, Mack Wood 1972, Charles Heilig 1973, J. D. Porter 1974, Raymond Rufty 1975-76, Thomas Kern 1977-78, Curtis Cobb 1979-80, Harold B. Ervin, Jr. 1981-82, and William C. Bost 1983. Others who served as president, but whose dates of service are not known, are Jack Thompson, Roy Peeler, Frank Stoessel, and Joe Seawell.

In addition to Mrs. Carlton and Mr. Fisher, other teachers on record were W. B. Kesler, John Isenhour, Odell Sapp, Arnold Snider, Jr., Julian Smith, Clifford Peeler, Fletcher Cauble, W. A. (Bill) Kesler, J. D. Porter, John Thomas, Max Henderlite, Eugene R. Smith, Robert Carmichael, Curtis Cobb, William Bost, and Harold Ervin.

Special recognition for perfect attendance in Sunday School for some of the members of this class are on record at St. John's. Olney Brown, now deceased, had a fifty-nine year perfect attendance record; Emmette Thompson in 1983 had a record of sixty-two years, and Johnny Waggoner had a record of sixty-one years perfect attendance.

Because of an aging and decreasing population among the two groups at St. John's, the James L. Fisher Class and the George H. Cox Class merged in 1981 to become the Fisher-Cox Class.

Martin Luther Sunday School Class

In 1972 a study of the needs of the Sunday School at St. John's prompted plans for a new adult Sunday Church School class. The class began on April 29, 1973, and was open to adults of any age—couples or singles—especially those who were not then attending Sunday School. Marcus Smith was to serve as director of the class until officers and teachers were selected.

The book of Sunday School Records for 1973 reveals attendance of one teacher and eight pupils on April 29 and was identified in the

superintendent's records by the name of the teacher: Smith Class. The class met regularly during the summer months with attendance ranging from four to thirteen, but class records did not begin until September. According to the recollection of some members, the nine people present at that first meeting were Hugh and Lena Lyerly, Martha Agner, Grace Rendleman, Joe L. Sims, Inez Bankett (now Allen), Walter and Mildred McDaniel, and Marcus Smith, teacher.

A record book was begun in September 1973 and class officers were elected: Hugh Lyerly, president; Joe L. Sims, vice-president; and Jewel Long, secretary-treasurer. The name Martin Luther Sunday School Class was chosen by the members.

In a small notebook kept by the treasurer, the earliest special love offering was \$10.50. For a number of years special offerings have been regularly collected on the first Sunday of each month and faithfully disbursed by long-time treasurer Hester Sims.

Over the years special projects have been accomplished by the class, some of which are donations to the Lutheran Homes, a Christmas tree for the Salisbury Lutheran Home, a basket of dried floral arrangement for the Lutheran Home, money for needy families, gifts for Rowan Co-operative Christian Ministry, money for contingency fund, gifts for Pastors Fritz, Long, and Dasher as they left St. John's and for President Whittecar and Bishop Misenheimer as they retired from Synod. The class has also helped to buy copies of the new *Lutheran Book of Worship* for shut-ins and placed nameplates in these and other memorial copies of *LBW*, assisted with Synod-wide Reformation Day observances, helped with soup and sandwiches for Lenten Service, assisted with breakfast honoring Dr. George R. Whittecar on his retirement, prepared table arrangements for the Lutheran Homes Appeal dinner, assisted when asked to help with Stewardship breakfasts and other special events, and helped with care and feeding of the street people—the Shelter Ministry.

Through the years the class has held annual Christmas parties in the homes of Marcus and Dot Smith, Don and Merrea Weinhold, Lewis and Ann Frank, Francis and "Mickey" Aull, and at the Shrine Club. Summer cook-outs have been at the Shrine Club and at the home of Loyd and Nora Crayton. The class has enjoyed frequent covered-dish breakfasts in the Sunday School classroom.

From its inception to the present the Martin Luther Sunday School Class had been nurtured through its teacher, Dr. Marcus C. Smith. In addition to Dr. Smith, the class has been taught by assistant or substitute teachers, some of whom were Dorothy W. Smith, Ellen H. Trexler, Donald L. Weinhold, Merrea S. Weinhold, Dr. Roy A. Agner, Jr., James A. Chesky, Robert M. Melton, Jr., and Donald L. Weinhold, Jr.

*EDUCATION, SERVICE, AND WORLD MISSION
ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN*

by Ruth Kesler Uzzell

THE CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In 1886 the North Carolina Synod resolved "that we endorse the plans and constitutions used in the organization of Children's Societies and Women's Societies—that the money from the Children's Missionary Societies be sent to the treasurer of Synod marked Children's Fund for Foreign Missions and that the amounts thus collected be accredited upon the assessments of the various congregations for Foreign Missions."

In harmony with this resolution, Mrs. J. D. Shirey organized the first Children's Missionary Society at St. Luke's, Bear Poplar, in 1886. The date of organization at St. John's is not known, but when the first tabulated report of the Children's Societies (also referred to as Children's Missionary Bands) was presented to the Synod in 1895, St. John's, Salisbury, was one of the nine congregations named. The Children's organization was fostered by the Women's Missionary Society. When the Rev. Charles Banks King was pastor, 1886-1896, the Little Workers met on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4 p.m. Education, service, and world mission were then stressed within the framework of the church.

By 1907 the practice of giving a banner to the society having the largest per capita offering was begun, and in 1908 the "mite box" was introduced for children to collect their offerings at home. These were gathered for dedication once a year.

In 1921, at the merger of the Missionary Societies of the Tennessee Synod and the Synod of North Carolina, a new program for children was begun under the name Light Brigade. The Light Brigade programs were based upon the mission study books prepared by an interdenominational committee later known as the Friendship Press. Guides were prepared by Lutheran leaders for the three divisions—Little Lights, Lamplighters, and Torchbearers. The mite box became a thank-offering box and even the Little Lights, who did not regularly attend meetings, were given thank-offering boxes in the shape of a candle. There were regular monthly dues.

Missionaries supported by the Light Brigade were Miss Annie Powlas, Japan; Miss Christina Erickson, India; Miss Mary Bauer, Africa; and Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, Watauga County.

Some of the other projects were support of the milk fund, Puerto Rico; and the Queen Louise Home, Virgin Islands.

In 1938 The Light Brigade, placed under the jurisdiction of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, was given a new name: the Children of the Church.



LITTLE BLESSINGS
Sketch by Montye Harris Furr

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

A new educational experience was begun for young children at St. John's at the beginning of 1939. Various names had been attached to children's groups organized since 1886 within the framework of the Women's Missionary Society. One of these had been The Light Brigade. The new program, known as Children of the Church, was under the jurisdiction of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America and offered children between ages four and twelve years a place of their own in the organized life of the church. The idea conveyed by the new name was that children are members of the church as soon as they are baptized. The group was no longer distinctly missionary but was all-church through its educational program.

Segments of the educational process involved Bible study incorporating questions and answers and work sheets, introduced the meaning of church membership and the various functions of the church, and explained the Christian's contribution of time and money. Children were taught many of the responsibilities they would need to know when they became grown-up church members. This program had the same part in the education of the young children that the Luther League had for the older youth. Upon reaching age twelve, the children were promoted to the Luther League.

Mrs. Maurice (Edna) Miller was St. John's first leader, secretary, and treasurer of the Children of the Church. Her leadership continued for many years.

The organization was divided into three sections: the Beginner, the Primary, and the Junior groups. Meetings were held every second and fourth Sunday. The Beginner and Primary groups met during the morning service, but the Junior group met Sunday evening at seven.

In 1942 the general superintendent was Mrs. Maurice Miller, and Mrs. L. D. Peeler was treasurer. Mrs. M. T. Gibson was superintendent of the Beginners, ages four through six; and the children were taught by Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Mrs. T. R. Plyler, and Mrs. Clement Brown. Primary superintendent was Mrs. Paul Peeler; and teachers were Mrs. H. C. Petrea, Mrs. Lex Ritchie, and Mrs. John Marley. Junior superintendent was Mrs. T. C. Adams; and teachers were Mrs. Frank Hand and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lynch.

At the Sunday morning session the Beginner and Primary groups joined together to play and sing and hear the story for the day. Later they divided into smaller units to concentrate on their work-sheets. Average attendance for the Beginners was fifteen and for the Primary group, about twenty-three. The Junior Department, who met on the second and fourth Sunday evenings, were divided into classes accord-

ing to age. In addition to their regular classroom activity each class took turns conducting the devotions. Average attendance was about twenty-eight members. To complement their Sunday meetings and studies, social activities—such as the August 1942 picnic supper at Brookdale—were enjoyed by forty parents and children.

The first statewide convention for the leaders of the Children of the Church, United Lutheran Church in America, Synod of North Carolina, was held at St. John's, Salisbury, on Saturday, May 16, 1942. At that time there were reported in North Carolina 361 adult leaders giving Christian training to 3,566 children.

The morning session of the convention opened at 10:30 with Mrs. J. D. Sheppard, synodical secretary of the Children of the Church, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. P. D. Brown. After Mrs. Sheppard stated the purpose and status of the convention, a business session was held, at which time the election of recording secretary, appointment of committees, and the report of Mrs. Maurice Miller, synodical treasurer, took place. The guest speaker was Mrs. Mabel B. Fenner, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, secretary of the United Lutheran Church of the America's children's organization.

The afternoon session opened with devotionals by Rev. C. A. Phillips, chairman of the education committee of the Synod. After the opening, the delegates heard the report of the synodical secretary and that of a credential committee. A demonstration of the Children of the Church session was the afternoon feature, presented by a group of St. John's children led by Mrs. Lex (Mary) Ritchie. Discussion followed under the leadership of Mrs. Fenner. The State Convention closed with the reading of the minutes and the benediction.

In November 1942 a Vesper Service was sponsored by St. John's Children of the Church. A congregation of 207 saw the Junior group present a program featuring the life and work of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Members of the Beginner group sang the hymn "Around the Throne of God in Heaven." The assistant pastor, Rev. Ernest Misenheimer, gave a brief address on the work of the Children of the Church. The program, under the direction of Mrs. Maurice Miller, Mrs. T. Clark Adams, and Mrs. T. R. Plyler, was well received by the congregation. The loose offering went to the Children of the Church. It amounted to \$15.36. A beautiful miniature church built under the direction of Mr. Clement Brown was filled with offering boxes given by the children. Mrs. O. R. Pinkston and Mr. Fred Young sang the offertory duet "Love Divine."

For a number of years the Children of the Church sponsored an annual event in November identified as Fall Festival. The district meeting, hosted by various Lutheran churches, was a time when children pre-

sented a program and brought their Festival offering in special gift boxes for dedication to the work of the church.

The second state convention was held at St. John's in 1943 at which time Mrs. Maurice Miller was secretary; and the third convention in 1944 was also held at St. John's with Mrs. David Rendleman as organist.

Of national significance, a special service for the dedication of the Children of the Church gifts to the United Lutheran Church in America was held Sunday, January 27, 1946, at 3 p.m. at St. John's. It was estimated that there were 1,363 people present, 800 of them children. The entire auditorium was filled; and many people were standing, both in the downstairs vestibule, and also in the balcony.

Eight children, representing the Children of the Church in America, presented gifts. The first check was presented to Dr. Fiedler, the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions. The ULCA representative, Judge Henninger, dedicated the gifts and commended the children for contributing \$18,319.98, which was 150% of their budget of \$12,000. A program was presented by the children, and the Junior Choir of St. John's led the musical part of the program and also sang two anthems. Many outstanding figures in our United Lutheran Church were present and the gifts were presented to them. This meeting had been held in North Carolina because of the outstanding record of the Children of the Church in this State. This meeting was the first held in the South. St. John's group leaders were Mrs. Maurice E. Miller, Mrs. R. A. Ludwig, Mrs. W. F. Little, Mrs. Edwin Uzzell, and Mrs. Sam Bame. Of this meeting, Mrs. Earl K. Bodie, Synodical Secretary has written: "This was a service long to be remembered.... It will be recorded at our synod, and more significantly still, will be stamped upon the hearts and minds of our children."

In September 1946 Children of the Church, ages six through twelve, met on Wednesday at 3:30 instead of meeting during the Sunday morning service and on Sunday evening. In due time these meetings evolved into Weekday Church School. Children up to six years of age continued to meet during the 11 o'clock service as reported in the January 18, 1948, issue of *The League Speaks*: "We have most efficient teachers.... They meet in the Primary Department on the second floor."

In 1950, 115 congregations in North Carolina reported having a total of 5,897 children enrolled in the Children of the Church.

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

As a successor to Children of the Church, the Weekday Church School was begun on September 23, 1953, for all the children in the church from grades one through eight. Meeting at the church on Wednesday afternoons after school during the public-school year, the classes pro-

vided educational and fellowship opportunities as well as choir practice.

The following letter from Assistant Pastor James Stephenson, sent out in 1956, and the printed schedule for 1967-68 give insight into the purpose and content of the weekday program:

Dear Parents:

The Weekday Church School of St. John's Church is preparing to open for the fourth session. The session begins September 26 and concludes April 17.

The Weekday Church School is held for those children in the Church who are in grades one through eight in the public schools. The school is intended to give all children of the parish an extended education in the beliefs and teachings of the Lutheran Church. We feel it is best for children to attend all eight years when possible; however, grades six, seven, and eight are required for confirmation.

How can I enroll my children in the Weekday Church School? Enclosed is a card addressed to the Church. Give the name, age, and grade of your child and sign the card and place it in the mail today. How much does the school cost? Each student pays a one dollar registration fee and the Church furnishes all the materials necessary for the year. From the one dollar will come the offering which is generally taken twice a year in the school. In other words, a dollar is the only cost for you for the entire year.

We are looking forward to having your children in the Weekday Church School. If there are any questions, please call the Church office.

Yours in His Service,
James R. Stephenson

Many people have contributed their time and talents as directors and teachers to make Weekday Church School a continuing success and an interesting learning time for the children. Serving as directors through 1983 have been Mrs. Philip K. Sowers, Mrs. John Robert Crawford, Jr., Mrs. Ellis Wood Fisher, Mrs. Donald Bowden, Mrs. Wilson Smith, Mrs. Burt Harris, Mrs. Tom Rufty, Mrs. Raymond Ritchie, Mrs. William Peeler, Mrs. Tom Menius, Mrs. Ron Jordan, Mrs. Robert Loeblein, Mrs. Hal Furr, Mrs. Perry Hood, Mrs. Leo Sowers, Mrs. Barbara Stavely, and Mrs. Blenda Harris.

In 1983 the young children of St. John's, Salisbury, are offered Christian Education in Sunday School, the worship service on Sunday morning, Weekday Church School, Choirs, Vacation Church School, Catechetical classes, and a "Children's Sermon" during the eleven o'clock service on Sunday morning.

1967-1968 WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

DIRECTOR: Mrs. Tom Menius

Dates: Every Wednesday afternoon September 6, 1967 until April 3, 1968 with the exception of November 22, 1967 and Christmas holiday, December 27, 1967.

SCHEDULE		COURSES	TEACHERS
Grade 1	3:30 - 4:00 Music 4:00 - 5:00 Class	Growing Up	Mrs. Giles Hopkins
Grade 2	3:30 - 4:00 Music 4:00 - 5:00 Class	Learning God's Ways	Mrs. Ervin Lampert, Jr. Mrs. Herman Peeler
Grade 3	3:30 - 4:00 Music 4:00 - 5:00 Class	Chosen to Serve	Mrs. Don Bowden Mrs. Jack Peeler
Grade 4	3:30 - 4:30 Class 4:30 - 5:00 Music	God's Way in His World	Mrs. Marvin Baker Mrs. Charles Sowers
Grade 5	3:30 - 4:30 Class 4:30 - 5:00 Music	God's Way in the Old Testament	Mrs. Bill Safrin Mrs. Lewis Peeler
Grade 6	3:30 - 4:30 Class 4:30 - 5:00 Music	God's Way in the New Testament	Mrs. Robert Loeblein Mrs. Douglas Fritz
Grade 7	3:30 - 5:00 Class	I Believe in God the Father	Pastor Brooks
Grade 8	3:30 - 5:00 Class	I Believe in Jesus Christ	Robert Iddings
Grade 9	3:30 - 5:00 Class	I Believe in the Holy Spirit	Pastor Fritz

NOTES:

The music will be directed by Mr. Honeychurch. There will be a drama, motion and speech choir. Bell practice will be from 5 to 5:30 p. m. on Wednesdays.

On April 3, 1968 certificates will be awarded children doing satisfactory work. For a certificate a child may not miss more than four sessions of the school. There will be 29 sessions for the 1967-1968 school year.

Grades seven, eight, and nine are catechetical classes required for confirmation.

There will be a \$1.00 registration fee per pupil. This fee covers the costs of materials for the entire year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As an extension of the Light Brigade Sister Agnes Kuhlman conducted St. John's first Vacation Bible School. Sister Agnes was from the Lutheran Mother House in Philadelphia and served St. John's Church in Christian Education from October 1923 to October 1924.

In June 1926 St. John's Church Council appointed Mary Lee Bernhardt as director of the Vacation Bible School. Except for the year of the polio epidemic, 1944, the school has operated annually since 1926.

By June 1945 the Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of 159 children with twelve leaders. Through the years these schools have always been highly successful both in enrollment and in securing conscientious leaders of religious training. Creative programs caused the children to look forward to Bible study, crafts, music, fellowship, recreation, nature study, and dramatics. Parents have joined the children at a picnic at the closing of the program each year.

In 1951 a group of St. John's children, along with other Lutheran Church groups, attended Lutheridge for one week of camping. This was the first year Lutheridge offered this training. By 1955, Lutheridge had developed into an excellent year-round camping facility, and St. John's sponsored a one-week camping experience for the children. Six leaders from St. John's participated as counselors with Pastor Frank Efird as director.

In 1956 St. John's sponsored two camping programs during June. June 4-8 was for children from grades one through three who had attended the Weekday Church School. It met Monday through Friday for one week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church located on the Old Concord Road. Mrs. Burt Harris served as director.

In the other program, forty boys and girls from grades four through eight, who had regular attendance and satisfactory work in Weekday Church School, attended a week-long camping program at John's River Camp, a Reformed Church camping ground in the mountains near Lenoir, North Carolina, about 100 miles from Salisbury. Pastor Frank Efird was director. For several years a day camp was held at Sunbeam Lodge in Rockwell. Each day the children were transported by chartered bus.

The summer program for children known as Vacation Bible School was re-named Vacation Church School in the early 1950's to be consistent with the title used by the United Lutheran Church in America. The Vacation Church Schools continued through the years under the direction of enthusiastic leaders and teachers who varied the programs according to changing times and changing interests of children, but continuing to emphasize Bible study, crafts, music, fellowship, and recreation.

The report from the 1981 program illustrates the creative experiences offered the participating children:

The emphasis of the 1981 Vacation Church School was communication, the various ways people send messages in order to convey meaning, and receive messages with the meaning the sender intended.

Lindsay Alford, teacher at the Preschool for the Deaf, visited Monday and taught the children a little about sign language. She told about the importance of having a large body of signers in order that the communication needs of the deaf may be better met. The VCS children were proud to learn the alphabet, their names, and a few words in sign language which they practiced the rest of the week.

With the first-through-sixth graders, the emphasis for Tuesday was "Voices from the Past." Each group visited the Old English Cemetery, found a verse proclaiming the faith of their 19th century forefathers and made a tombstone rubbing of these verses. They were brought back to the center for display. The center directors led the three-through-six year olds in an exploration of feelings and how these are conveyed to other people. The concentration was on messages that make other people feel good and the sender feel happy.

Wednesday found the three-through-six year olds extending their knowledge of feelings as they role-played situations that cause people to have feelings. The first-through-sixth graders learned something about the various symbol systems of semaphore, Morse code, and Braille. Mrs. Audrey Madans had loaned the center a Braille transcriber, which she has used as a service to the blind for 26 years. Many of the children formed their names in Braille and translated Braille messages by sight.

Thursday the children heard a recording made by the fifth and sixth graders describing the people depicted in the cyclorama they had made. Each group was also involved in making a tray decoration for the children hospitalized at Rowan Memorial. Several children delivered these gifts, expressing their care and concern for sick children.

Friday, after a period of disappointment at thinking the helium tank was empty, Craig Spry saved the day and "fixed the tank." The children busily spent the morning filling their balloons, tied with messages of God's love, that would be sent aloft later in the morning. At the All God's People Party the balloons were released in a spirit of excitement and joy, climaxing a learning and an exciting week at VCS.

Carol Rabon, Co-director
Frances Hampton, Co-director

In 1983 St. John's Lutheran joined with St. Luke's Episcopal in a joint Vacation Church School for children three years old through the sixth grade. There was an average attendance of 128 participants. The program, held at St. John's, included Bible Study, music, and recreation. An additional special activity each day consisted of banner making, a trip to St. Luke's, story-telling by Ruth Riddle, and a presentation by the Worship Board. Each child brought a bag lunch with drinks and dessert provided by the Church. On Friday parents were invited to a closing worship service at twelve noon in the chapel, and afterwards a covered-dish lunch was shared by all.

In addition to pastors, assistant pastors, and the members already named, directors on record for St. John's Vacation Bible/Church School (1924-1983) have been Elizabeth Langford, Emily Ballard, Mrs. William Griffith, Mrs. Floyd Williams, Mrs. Margaret Alsobrooks, Harry Livengood, Mrs. John Robert Crawford, Jr., Mrs. George F. Busby, Mrs. S. Ray Buie, Mrs. Paul Carter, Mrs. Donald Bowden, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Harold Rufty, Mrs. E. L. Cline, Jr., Mrs. Tom Rufty, Mrs. K. V. Epting, Jr., Mrs. John Sifford, Mrs. McDonald Wyatt, Mrs. Max Henderlite, Mrs. Raymond Ritchie, Mrs. Thomas Menius, Jr., Mrs. William Cash, Mrs. William Howard, Mrs. Joseph I. Sims, Mrs. Giles Hopkins, Mrs. James Morton, Mrs. Donald Gay, Peggy Peeler, Judy Trexler, Tippie Miller, Carolyn Hood, Barbara Waggoner, Montye Furr, Toni Kenerly, Patti Heilig, Blenda Harris, and Anne Crawford.

WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN

Inspired by the formation of a Presbyterian kindergarten, St. John's Lutheran Church Kindergarten was organized in 1946 by Ruth Kesler Uzzell during the administration of the Rev. Dr. P. D. Brown. It opened with twelve students, including nine from St. John's. The tuition was \$8.00 a month per pupil. The kindergarten met on the second floor of the church on West Innes Street in what was then the Beginner's Department. Mrs. Uzzell was appointed director and was assisted by Annie Laurie Workman Seagle.

The chief aim of St. John's Kindergarten was to help the child develop into a "whole" personality physically, emotionally, mentally, socially, and spiritually and to provide the child, a year prior to entering public school, with a Christian education equivalent to his individual capacity for growth. The children were led to learn by "doing" rather than through formal lessons or rigid schedules and by exploring, experimenting, and observing in meaningful situations.

Ruth Uzzell served as director for five years until 1951 when she resigned to accept a teaching position in the Salisbury City Schools. At that time, Christina Aids Wyatt was appointed director, and



St. John's Kindergarten, 1951, with teacher, Mrs. Ruth K. Uzzell.

Florence Rufty Sifford was added to the staff. During that year St. John's Kindergarten was listed as a charter member of the North Carolina Kindergarten Association. Annie Laurie Seagle continued as an assistant until 1954. Margaret Vick Bost in 1948 and Rosemary Johnson Taylor in 1961 served for one year as an assistant.

During the school year 1954-55 the kindergarten moved to the basement in the room now used for St. John's Archives. There was an enrollment of forty pupils with a tuition of \$10.00 per pupil per month. A mural in the room used for the kindergarten was painted by Mrs. Mildred Nash Eisenhower, a member of St. John's at that time.

An article in the January 1954 *St. John's Journal* lists the aims of the kindergarten in the development of the five-year-old:

God is very real and near to a child. Because of this capacity for religious experiences this is the proper age to direct the child's thought and life to spiritual things. The daily work with each individual child proposes to do the following things:

To help it find Jesus' way of living.

To help it to decide the good or the bad.

To find behavior which is acceptable.

To form habits of affection and proper standards of living.

To grow in ability to work with others and to find self-satisfaction.

To ignore perfection but to set an achievement according to each child's ability.

To encourage creative activities, through play, art, music, stories, and plays.

To permit and encourage its own ideas.

And to help it to be self-reliant.

Three years later, in 1958 tuition increased from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per month to keep up with rising costs.

In 1964 Florence Sifford resigned to accept a teaching position with the Rowan County Schools, and Patricia Melchor Epting was added to the staff. The Church Council approved a recommendation by the Parish Education Committee that St. John's Kindergarten enrollment be increased and an additional teacher be hired. Anticipated enrollment was forty-five to fifty children with classes for five-year-olds and one class for four-year-olds. Peggy Henry Coble was added to the staff in 1967. In 1968 the kindergarten moved into the kindergarten room, a specially-designed area in the new Educational Building.

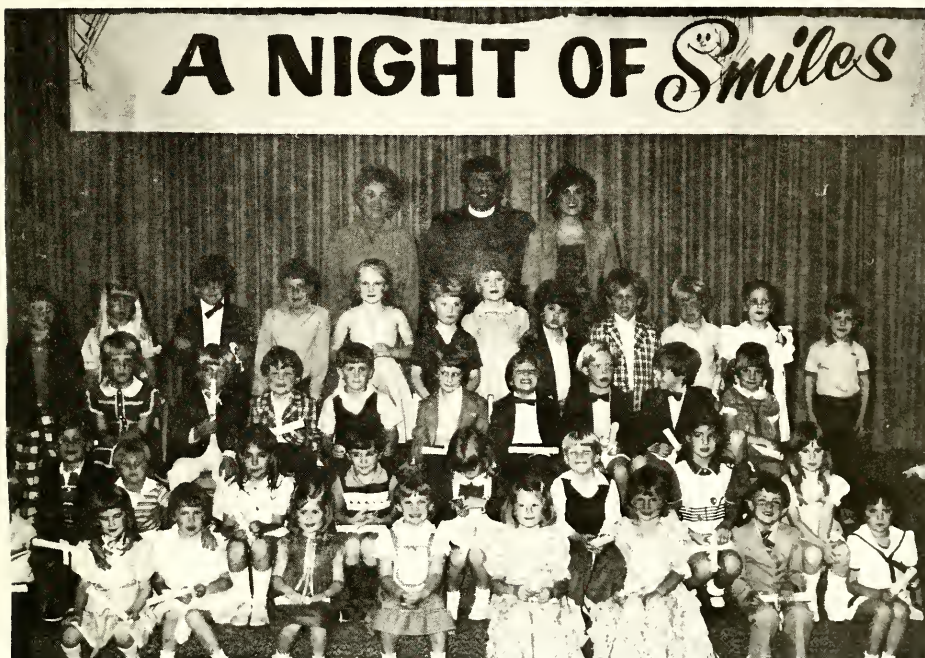
Christina Wyatt resigned in 1969 after serving twenty years as director of the kindergarten program. Her Christian leadership and discipline made an impact in the lives of many children from St. John's congregation and from the community at large.

Peggy Coble and Pat Epting became co-directors and served until Mrs. Coble resigned in 1980 to accept a position with the Salisbury City Schools. Pat Epting remained as director and Barbara Jo Sims was added to the staff as teacher.

At the end of each year, a program has been given for the parents and friends, and certificates are issued to each graduate. The enthusiastic presentation of the children, as they sing and perform, is reflected in the pride and joy of the parents, grandparents, and guests.

The Kindergarten has participated in church and community activities by presenting programs and entertainment for various church organizations, visiting shut-ins, Christmas caroling, making gifts for Rowan Memorial Hospital and nursing homes, and making favors and decorations for church banquets.

In 1983 there were two kindergarten classes—one for fifteen five-year-olds and one for fifteen four-year-olds. The tuition was \$42.00 per month. Each year there is a waiting list, even though North Carolina now has kindergarten in public schools. The program is considered outstanding, providing quality pre-school instruction in a loving, Christian atmosphere.



St. John's Kindergarten, 1983.

Teachers: Pat Epting, Barbara Jo Sims and Pastor David Huddle.

The Confirmation Classes
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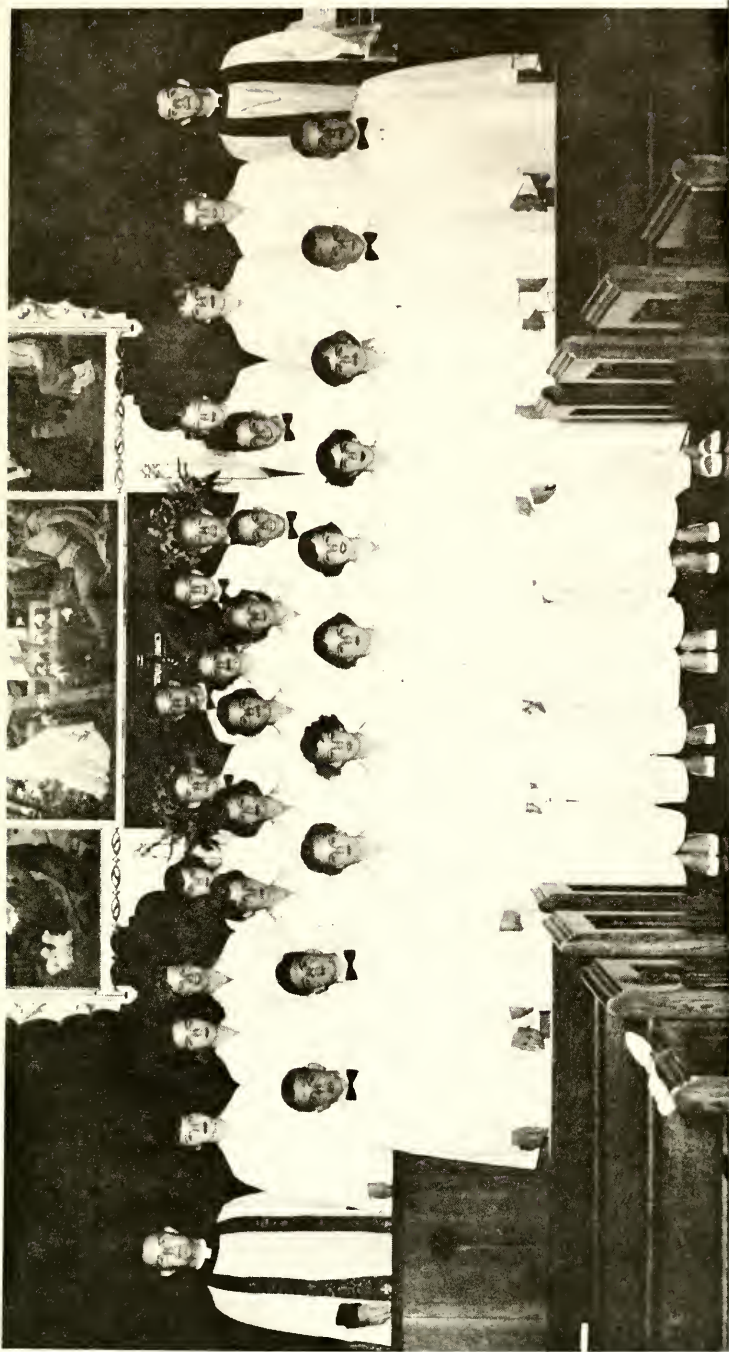
April 6, 1952 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Charles Edward Kneeburg, Sarah Alice Julian, Marjorie Virginia Miller, Peggy Sue Bogle, Alice Elizabeth Fox, Frances Marion Krider, John Robert Crawford III, Edward Alvin Kline. Second Row: Charles Lewis Sowers, Charles Robert Wagoner, Hugh Baxter Julian, Emelie McNair Snider, Walter Lewis Tatum, Charles Sidney Heilig, Jr. Third Row: Luke Llewelyn Farmer III, Billie Elizabeth Lysterly, Sarah Ellen Barringer, Pastor Harold E. Rhoads, Larry Dixon Peeler, and Robert Barrett Julian.



March 29, 1953 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Sidney George Sowers, Theodore Allen Hamilton, Lilly Elizabeth Miller, Amelia Jane Heilig, Anne Peeler, Dorothy Lee Pinkston, Patricia Janette Ryan, Martha Roberta Sink, James Burton Beaver, Jimmy Boyden Thomas. Second Row: Henry Edward Ruffy III, Olney Joseph Brown, Jr., Baxter Mowery, Jr., Pastor Harold E. Rhoads, Franklin Link Griffin, George William Bame, Jack Leon Zimmermann, and Ralph G. Edwards, Jr.



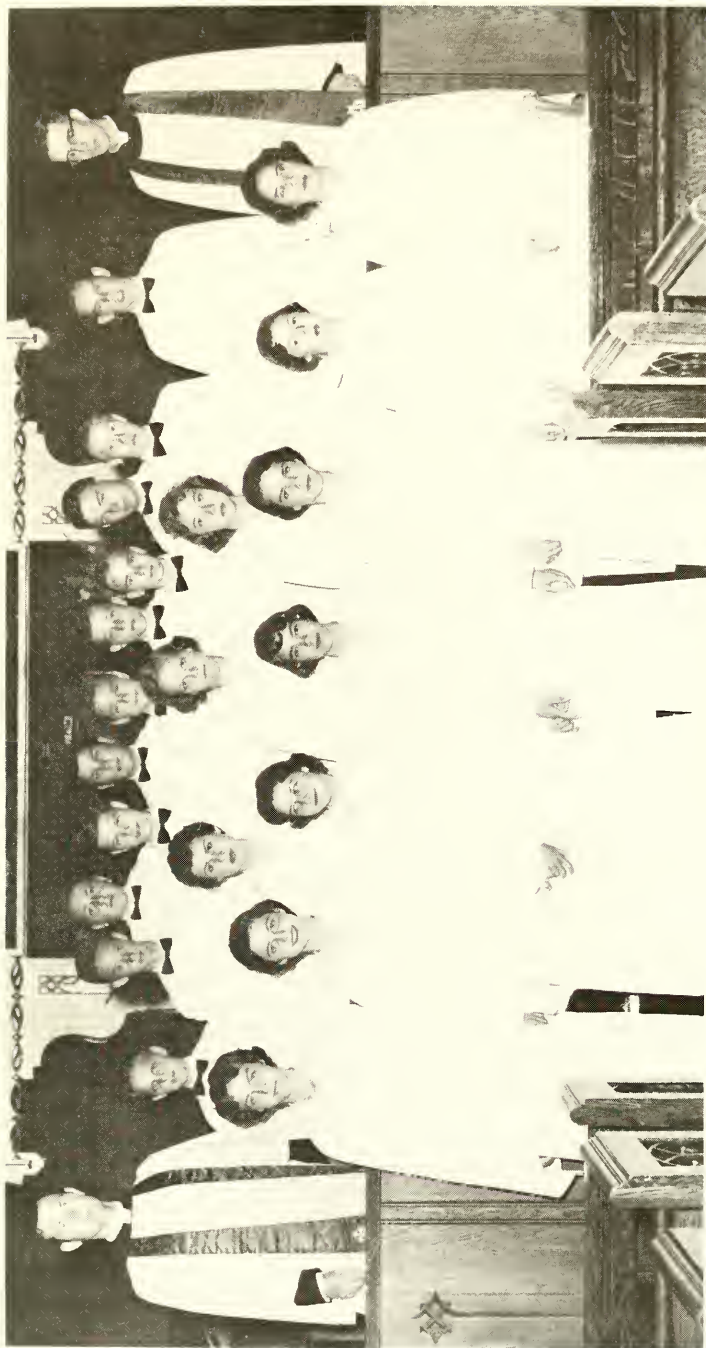
June 6, 1954 — Confirmation Class

First Row: John Henry Isenhour, Jr., John Robert Cress, Kathryn Louise Barringer, Carol Lee Leonard, Sally Anne Brown, Judy Lee Donabauer, Margaret Fay Graham, Carolyn Jean Spencer, Robert Beaver Strange, Donald Wyatt Young. Second Row: Helen Brown Small, Patsy Gail Tucker, Glenda Pauline Hartseil, Constance Anne Rickmond, Dorothy Kay Goodman, William Sloan Griffith, James Stephen Browning. Third Row: Pastor Frank K. Efrd, Sarah Catherine Holtsclaw, Laura Anne Mesimer, Eleanor Camille Sims, Margaret Janet Allen, John Luther Sowers, James Earle Kluttz, Carson Leonard Stoner, Edward Brown Julian, Madge Elaine Temple, Cynthia Lee Proctor, Judy Lynell Thompson, Pastor Harold E. Rhoads.



May 29, 1955 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Nancy Elizabeth Small, Julia Ann English, Gloria Florence Misenheimer, Julia Shirey Smith, Martha Ellis "Mollie" Heilig, Gloria Jean Gilbert, Donald Lee Ruffy, Michael Douglas Feezor. Second Row: David Sherrill Heilig, Norman Locke Stoner, Gerald Allan Workman. Third Row: Edith Lentz Folger, Christina Mae Rankin, Judy Lee Cress, Alice Linda Weant, William Max Seagle, Odell Lindsey Sapp. Fourth Row: Pastor Frank K. Efrid, Nola Anzonetta Edwards, Sara Peeler Hudson, Amelia Carol Livengood, Rachel Malinda Wyatt, Karen Eide Rawling, Eleanor Elaine Sifford.



May 20, 1956 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Linda Roberta Miller, Margaret Rudisill Borland, Lillian Rebecca Peeler, Claudia Kitchen Crawford, Carolyn Frances Williams, Carolyn Hughey, Alice Leslie Adcox. Second Row: Linda Carol Sloop, Jane Catherine Shuping, Nancy Earle Miller. Third Row: Pastor Frank K. Elford, Kenneth Ray Brendemuhl, Robert Clinton Smith III, Kenneth Marius Goodnight, Donald Franklin Mowery, Arthur Wellford Pinkston, Jr., Samuel Irving Brady, Charles Clayton Benfield, Jr., Pastor James R. Stephenson. Fourth Row: William Vick Bost, Thomas Watson Cothran, Everett P. Small, Jr., Charles Rankin Jackson, George Julian Busby was absent when the picture was taken.



June 9, 1957 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Patricia Grayson Ramsey, Eleanor Rebecca Brown, Peggy Michael Donabauer, Sylvia LaMonte Cress, and Barbara Louise Brown. Second Row: William Eugene Beaver, Judy Carol Blackwelder, Garnelle Gardner Sapp, and Sara Lougenia Thomas. Third Row: Pastor James R. Stephenson, John Rutherford Chambers, Jr., Benjamin Taylor Beaver, Henry Wilson Tysinger, Jr., and Pastor Frank K. Efrid. Karen Anne Rankin was absent when the picture was taken.



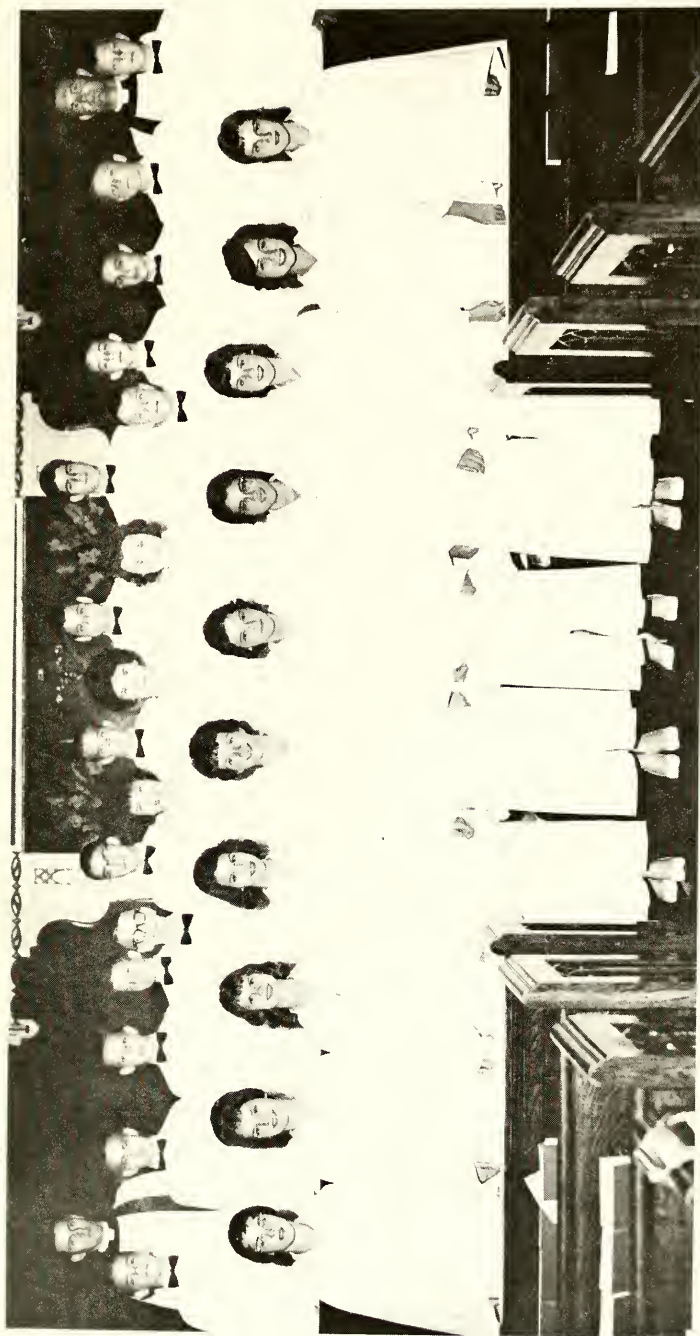
March 30, 1958 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Nancy Victor Wallace, Jeannie Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Helen Brown, Judith Victoria Koontz, Kay Gordon Isenhour, and Linda Anna Williams. Second Row: Annie Laurie Cress, Trudy Kaye Bassinger, Nancy Kay Glover, Mildred Susan Hunter, Betsy Louise Hannold, and Toni Diane Meetze. Third Row: Thomas Lee Lynch, William Jarvis Busby, Ernest Clifton Weant, Jr., Thomas Ree Goodman, and Harold Eugene Ritchie. Fourth Row: Lewis Brittle Snider, Merle Rudy Busby, Thomas Eugene Strange, David Atwell Rendleman III, Arnold Holmes Snider III, and James Henry Myers. Fifth Row: Pastor Robert B. Lineberger, George Fisher Kluttz, Larry Dean Wagoner, and Pastor Frank K. Efrid.



May 17, 1959 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Jane Anthony English, Toni Elizabeth Cline, Margaret Franklin Reisner, Millicent Elizabeth Carter, and Nancy Lee Rankin. Second Row: Mary Alice Crow, Deanna Jean Thompson, Sylvia Ann Temple, Joyce Ray Earnhardt, and Frances Weddington Heilig. Third Row: Lydia Patricia Brady, June Carol Kluttz, Nancy Carolyn Wagoner, Jo Carol Bassinger, and Susan Kaye Gregory. Fourth Row: James Steven Barger, Allen Glenn Farabee, Jr., John Ellis Smith III, Max Sanderlin Busby, John Edward Shuping, Joe Hearn Ruffy, Larry Charles Cauble, Lindsay Barrett Adcox, Ellis Wood Fisher, Jr., Paul Thompson Heilig, Tommie Leland Wood, and Richard Edward Shuping. Fifth Row: Pastor Robert B. Lineberger and Pastor Frank K. Efird.



June 5, 1960 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Cassandra Shive, Elizabeth Burton Hudson, Brenda Angela Kinder, Dorothy Vernon Rendleman, Linda Rose Schladensky, Harriet Kay McGinnis, Nancy Carol Withers, Jane Gregory Peeler, Catherine Conway Wallace, and Janette Linda Cauble. Second Row: Ronald Lee Smith, Robert Francis Busby, John Rudolph Harris, William Seymour Ludwig, Jr., Teri Ann Lang, Leda Ellen Shuping, Judy Catherine Long, Thomas Carter Ludwig, Tony Gay Misenheimer, John Gorman Misenheimer, and James Thomas Kindley, Jr. Third Row: Pastor Robert B. Lineberger, Frederick Michael Stoessel, John Henry Spencer, Jr., Richard Larue Hannold, Jr., Robert Wesley Isenhour, Philip David Rosenbaum, James Hodge Krider III, and Pastor Frank K. Efrid. Absent on June 5, Montye Cecile Harris was confirmed on June 22, 1960.



May 21, 1961 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Terri Catherine Cline, Brenda Kay Allen, Max Henderson Yost, Jan Stephen Gray, Milton Frank Evans, Glenda Margaret Buie, and Lyndall Jane Wagner. Second Row: Mary Patricia Smith, Linda Gay Beaver, Yolanda Lysette Roseman, Elinor Brooke Reynolds. Third Row: Michael Fisher Edwards, John Richard Driscoll, Jr., Elizabeth Gail Miller, Charles Sundry Wagner, Charles Stephen Ramsey. Fourth Row: Lloyd William Troxler, Jr., Pastor Robert B. Linberger, Alan Clark Drye, Thomas Locke Shuping, Malcolm Layne Campbell, George Kenneth Carter, Franklin Brown Sloop, Jr., Thomas Ritchie Glover, Thomas Walker Borland, Jr., Pastor Frank K. Efrid.



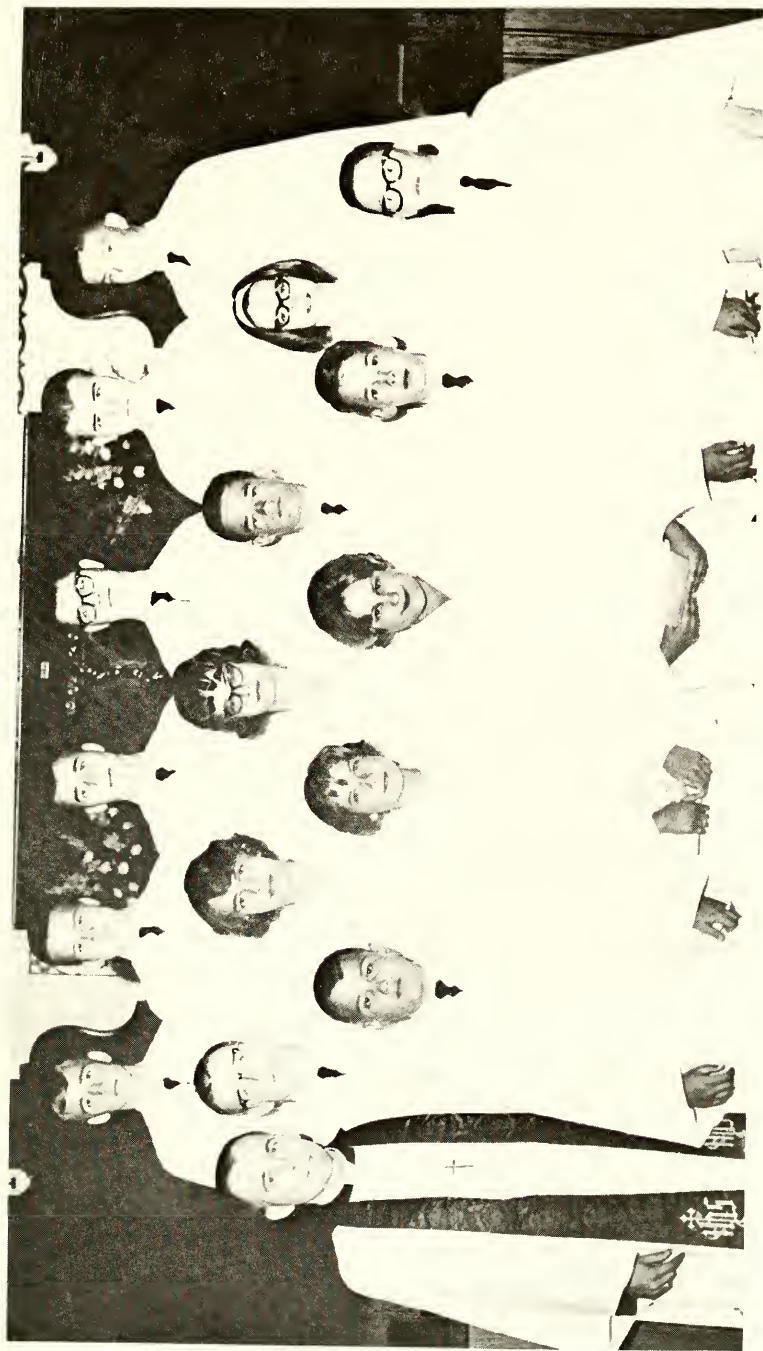
May 9, 1962 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Sherman Dorn Basinger, Margaret Jane Stoessel, Thelma Joyce Patterson, Nancy Lea Carter, Joan Catherine Hakos, Judy Anne Thompson, Brenda Joyce Hannold, Donna Merrea Weinhold, Marcia Anne Harris, David Hays Troxler. Second Row: John Stevenson Russell, Bobby Lee Wagoner, Thomas Wilson Ruffy, Jr., Paul Bernhardt Reynolds, Jr., Barry Victor Shive, Bruce Ross Ruffy. Third Row: Pastor Frank K. Efrid, Martha Jean McGinnis, Jeannie Arthur Hudson, Eleanor Frances Fisher, Joyce Maye Isenhour, Stanley Nelson Basinger, Ronald Jerry Beaver, James Michael Julian, John Reece Rawling.



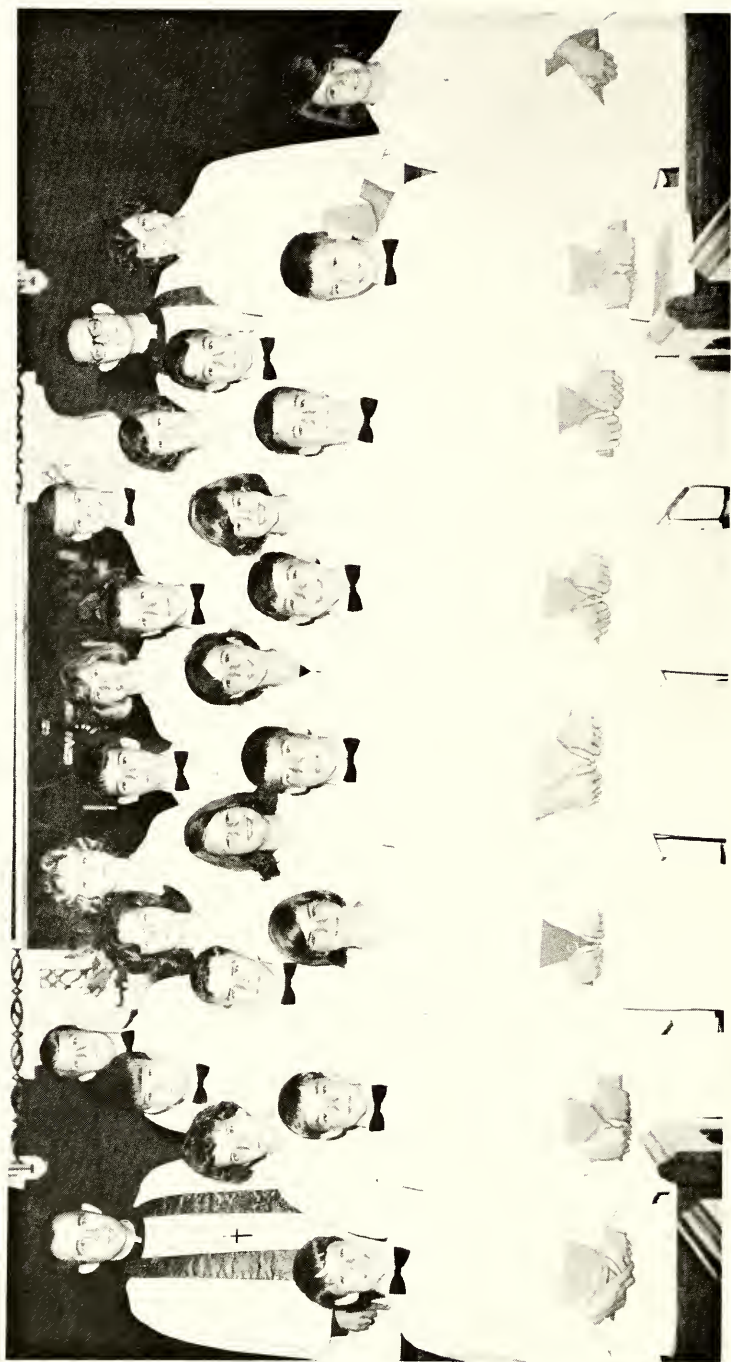
March 10, 1963 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Rita Gail Ruffy, Martha Jane Busby, Teresa Cox Kern, Sara Lynn Peeler, Diana Lynn Myers, Betty Jean Driscoll, Roberta Leigh Brown. Second Row: James Robert Carmichael, George Kenneth Brown, Jr., Ross Lee Jackson, Brenda Kay Hartley, Cecelia Anne Trexler. Third Row: Curtis Erskine Cobb, Jr., Timothy Ray Smith, Scott Wilson Carter, Cheryl Anne Reed, Mildred Elizabeth Aull, Margaret Susan Shuping. Fourth Row: Pastor Terry W. Agner, Shelby Alexander Bassinger, John Linn Heilig, Kenneth Lee Eagle, Jr., Robert Monroe Brady, John Stephen Gregory, Pastor Frank K. Efrd.



May 17, 1964 — Confirmation Class

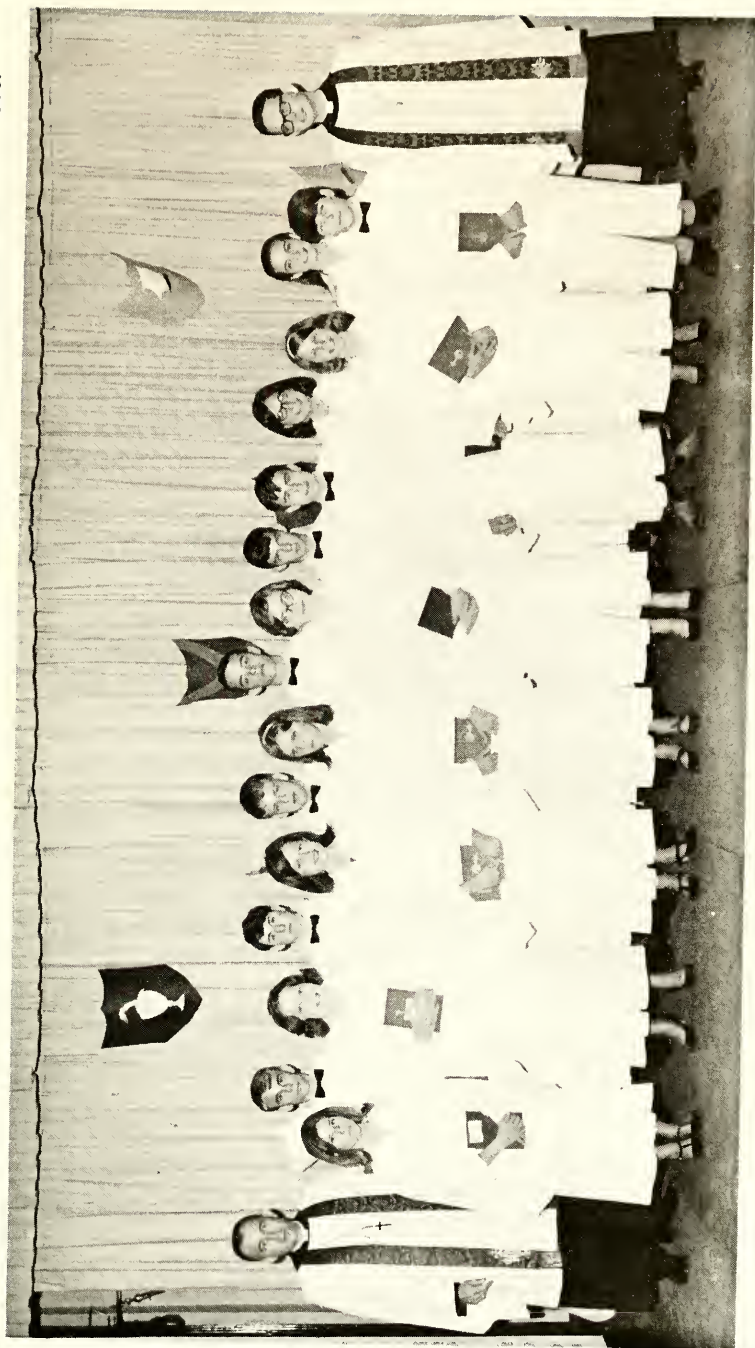
First Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, George Dean Hughes, Katherine Kitchin Snider, Sandra Darlene Hannold, James Fletcher Hodges, Fletcher Louis Cauble III. Second Row: James Randolph Millar, Jr., Paula Karen Miller, Mary Catherine Beaver, Frederick Alan Koontz, Sally Ann Lysterly. Third Row: Charles Michael Myers, Roy Christopher Agner, Lynas Giles Goodman III, Daniel Carl Rendleman, Jerry Vernon Long, Stephen Michael Corriher.



June 6, 1965 — Confirmation Class

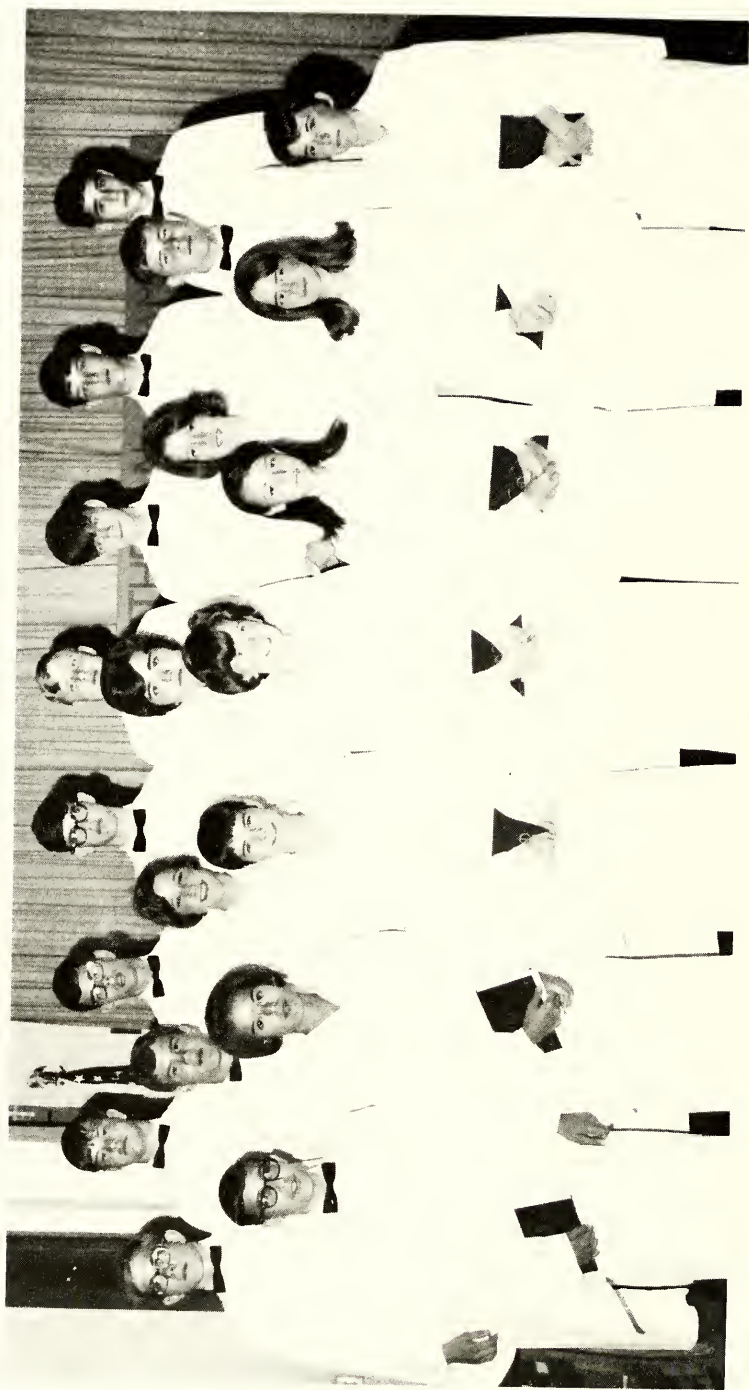
First Row: Joe Kinard Shuping, Jr., William Alexander Stoessel, Donna Sue Hakos, Thomas Ray Corriher, Marion Franklin Miller, William English, Carmichael, Stephen Arthur Honeychurch, Margaret Elizabeth Busby. Second Row: Barbara Anne Buie, Henry Lamar Trexler, Jr., Gayle Eagle, Susan Sweet Ruffy, Susan Lorraine Frank, Robert Kent Thompson. Third Row: Francis Marion Aull, Jr., Tzena Jean Ruffy, John Kenneth Miller, James Michael Heilig, Addie Cathleen Ruffy, Cynthia Jan Weinhold. Fourth Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, David Allan Beaver, Esther Ruffy, Christina Elizabeth Bost, Gary Lee Wood, Pastor C. Earnest Brooks.

Because catechetical instruction was extended from two years to three years, there was no confirmation class for 1966.



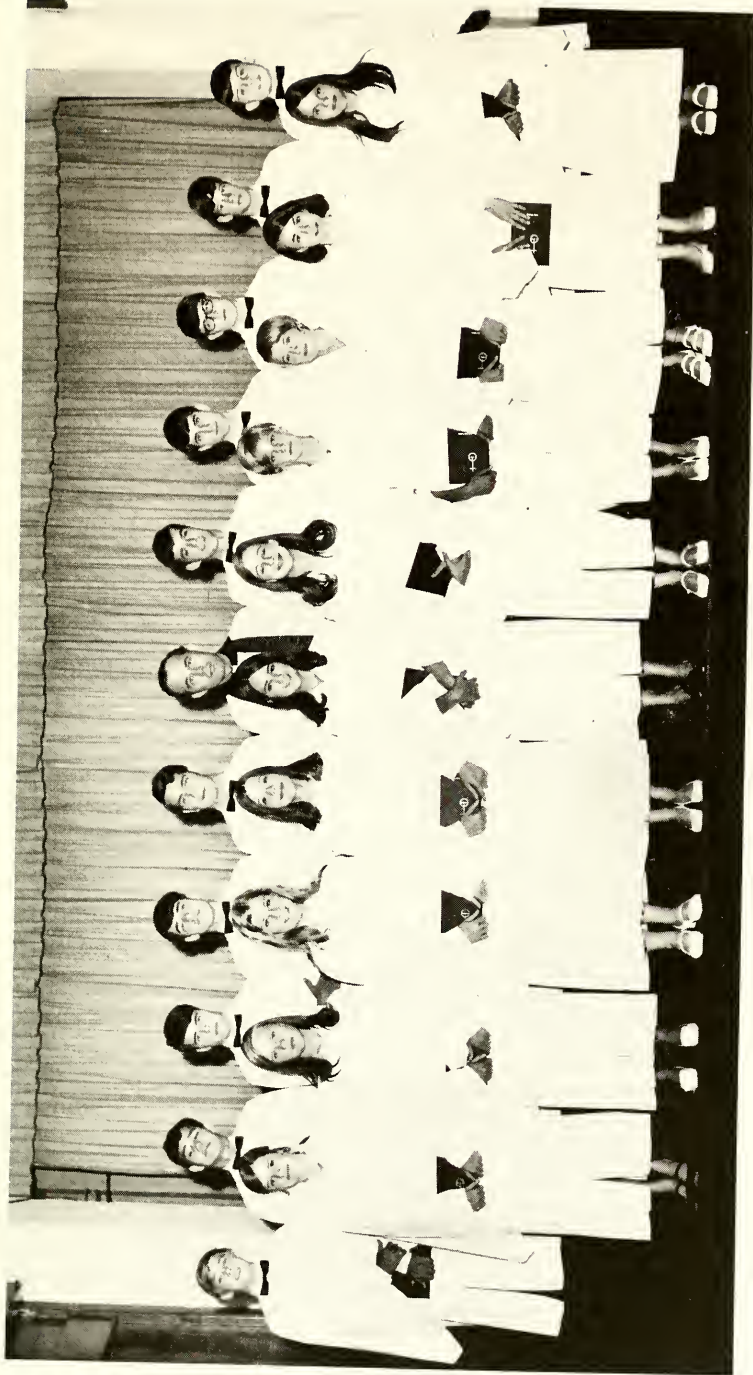
May 14, 1967 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Claudia Brown Weinhold, Patricia Gail McGinnis, Kristen Carter, Sandra Kay Bentley, Ruby Ruffy, Irving Ray Peeler, Mary Ellen Trexler, Douglas Quantz Hughes. Second Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, David Kluttz Fisher, Charles Thomas Isenhour, Stamey Fulton Carter III, George Richard Whittecar, Jr., Timothy Lee Deal, Martha Susan Agner, Paula Olivia Smith, Pastor C. Earnest Brooks.



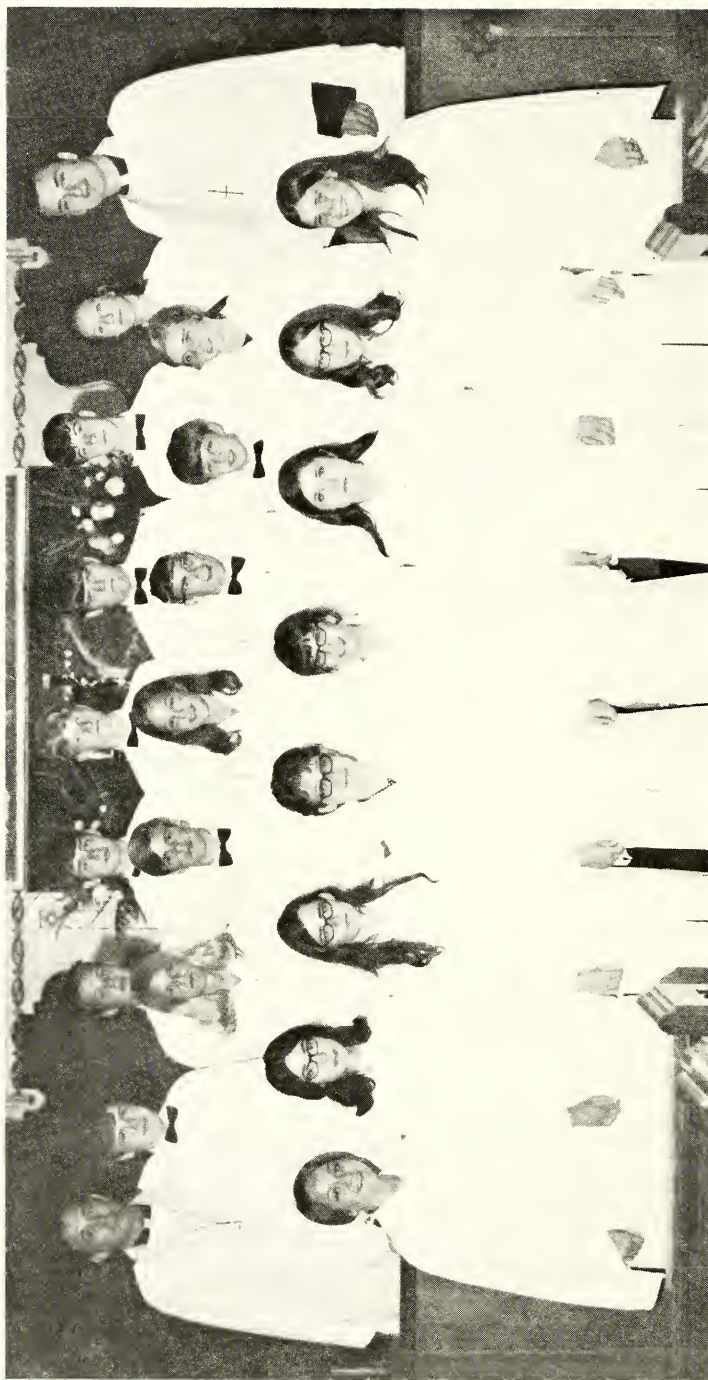
June 2, 1968 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Michael Leonard Bernard, Debra Joyce Beaver, Susan Elouise Honeychurch, Nancy Carolyn Tysinger, Joy Sue Lang, Deborah Ann Busby, Shirley Jane Barger, Second Row: Steven Mandrell Shive, Louis Kenneth Cobb, Bonnie Starr Ruffy, Bonnie Sue Long, Susan Kern, and Bradford Ray Buie. Third Row: Steven Lewis Frank, Charles Thomas Busby, Mark Beckett Reynolds, Phillip Erskine Roseman, Donald Paul Rendleman, David Patterson Miller, and William Sidney Porter.



May 25, 1969 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Barbara Ann Koontz, Francis Ann Menius, Terri Angela Patterson, Mary Lisa Ruffy, Kim Annette Jordan, Amanda Louise Lyerly, Lois Dianne Busby, Yonnie Kay Wood, Colby Elizabeth Drye, and Emily May Brown. Second Row: Robert Douglas Fritz, Jr., Charles Clifford Ritchie, William Howard Shaver, Benjamin Peter Agner, Lewis Ray Peeler, Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, Robert Grayson Hampton, Jeffrey Paul Peeler, Robert Latta Cauble, James Wallace Busby, and Emmette Gray Thompson III.



May 17, 1970 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Lucy Roberta Wagner, Sueanna Pyatt Peeler, Julie Quinn Bradshaw, Tonia Helen Bernard, Betty Diane Norris (Manahan), Kathy Elizabeth Misenheimer, Elizabeth Anne Crayton, and Carolyn Withers Loeblein. Second Row: Alan Tyson Kinder, Joedy Cecelia Simmons, Wayne Sinclair Cobb, Melonie Ann Ruffy, William Alan Safrit, Duke Cameron Brown, and Eva Nicholas Bernhardt. Third Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, Roy Alvin Shaver, James Corson Cash, Jon Steven Ruffy, William Shelly Deal, John Max Henderlite, Jr., Patricia Gaye Isenhour, and Pastor Hollis A. Miller.



April 4, 1971 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, David Alan Fritz, Barbara Wallace Shuping, Mary Anne Brown, Georgellen Agner, Diane Eloise Porter, Jane Elizabeth Cash, Frances Mary Ruffy, and Pastor Hollis A. Miller. Second Row: David Neal Stoessel, Mark Alexander Trexler, Luann Ruffy, Carol Annette Smith, Cindy Lou Bailey, Shelia Marie Ruffy, Ronda Marie Jordan, and James Newton Cohen, Jr. Third Row: Delwin Lewis Parrish, Larry Alan Hill, Gregory Lee Goodman, John Floyd Sherrill, Jr., Eli Lawrence Bernard, and Robert Blackwell Wolff II.



March 26, 1972 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Renee Colie Harris, Donna Ann Morton, Cynthia Laureen Graeber, Martha Gray Miller, Monica Lynn Jordan. Second Row: Raye Ruffy, Janice Lynn Glover, Brenda Dorice Porter, Kim Leigh Peeler. Third Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, Charles Sanders Smith, Edward Madison Baker, Mark Caldwell Ritchie, Terry Ray Lovette, Jeffrey John Shives, Gregory Vernon Epling, Pastor Hollis A. Miller.



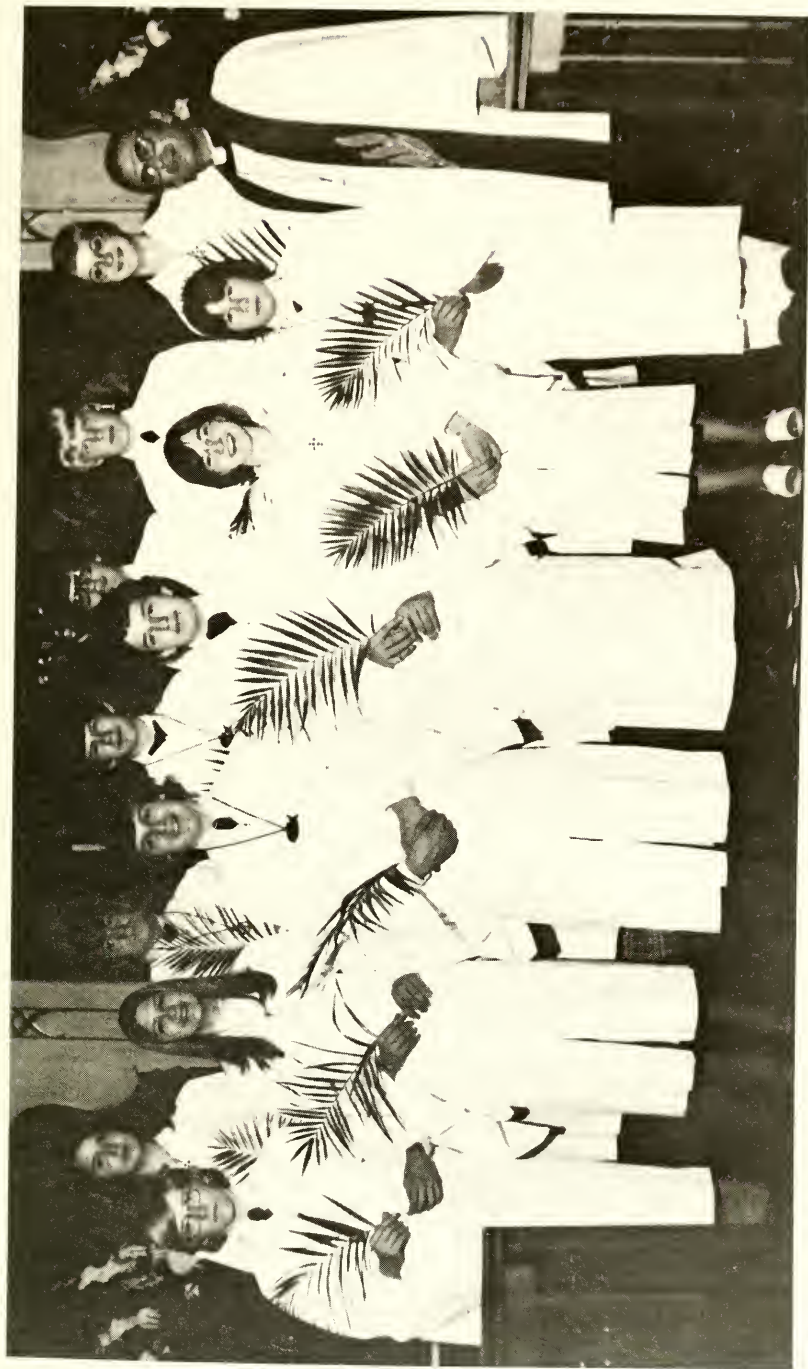
April 15, 1973 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Karen Eileen Gay, Robin Louise Cohen, Edna Carol Carmichael, Kathy Bradshaw, April Cornelia Peeler, Barbara Jo Sims, Andrea Leigh Epting, Cindy Brown Fink. Second Row: Synod President George R. Whittecar, Julie Kern, Matthew Allan Trexler, Oliver Oscho Ruffy II, Sally Patricia Agner, Billie Jane Howard, and Pastor R. Douglas Fritz.



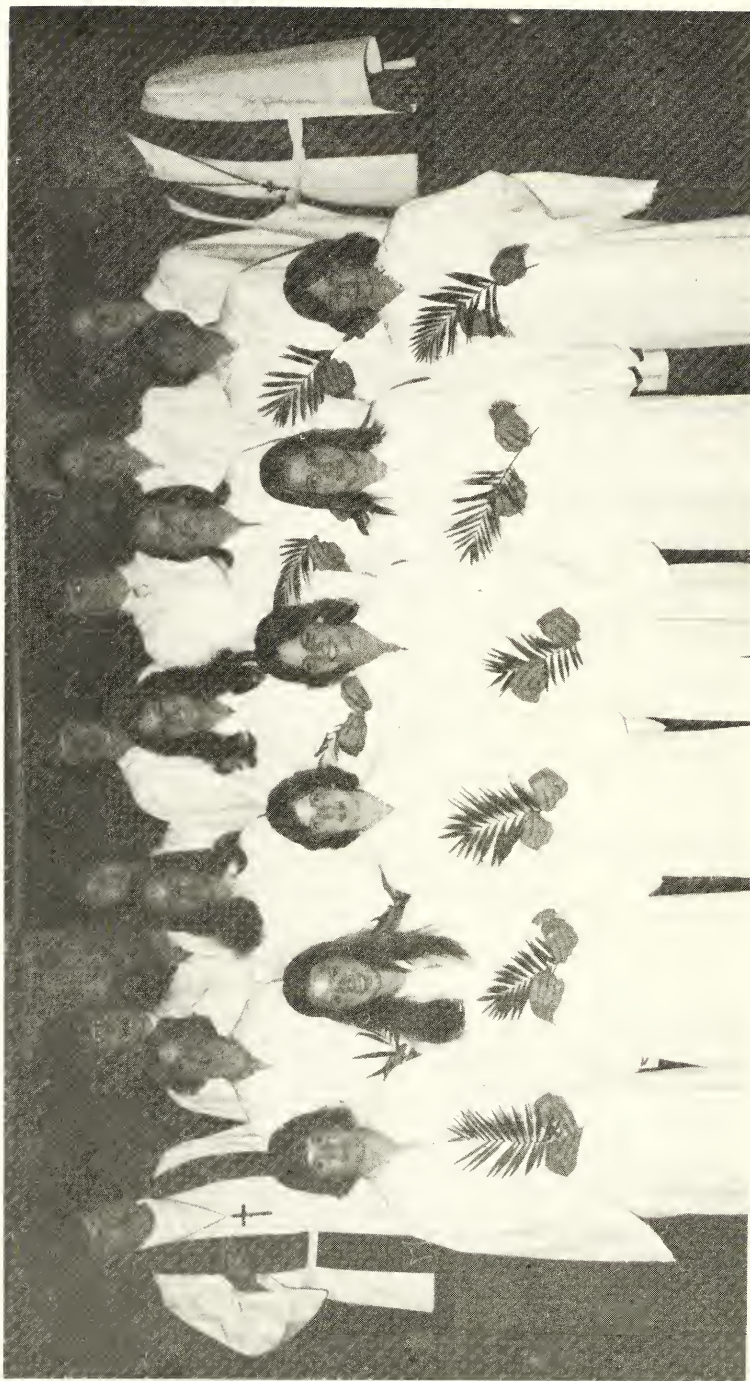
April 7, 1974 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Ervin Eugene Lampert III, Kathy Lynn Rohde, Karen Lee Baker, Judy Lynn Coble, Daniel Eugene Hines, Michael Thomas Menius, and Danny Stuart Safrut. Second Row: Lorna Leigh Ruffy, Karen Elizabeth Graeber, Sharon Elizabeth Gay, Martha Kathryn Smitherman, and Ann Heath Robertson. Third Row: Pastor R. Douglas Fritz, Brent David Barringer, Stanford Russell Jordan, Patricia Ann Nelson, Fred William Bradshaw, Traci Lynn Barger, Bobby Lee Rusher II, Dorothy Elizabeth Peeler, and Pastor E. Edward Long.



March 23, 1975 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Joseph Kenneth Fink, Melanie Ann Sims, Walter Jeffrey Bernard, Archibald Caldwell Ruffy, Jr., Rindi Ann Frank, Karl Olaf Kinard, and Pastor E. Edward Long. Second Row: Laura Jean Maus, Barry Foutz Isenhour, Thomas Miller Cohen, Charles William Howard, Timothy Marcus Smith, and Mitzi Carole Epting.



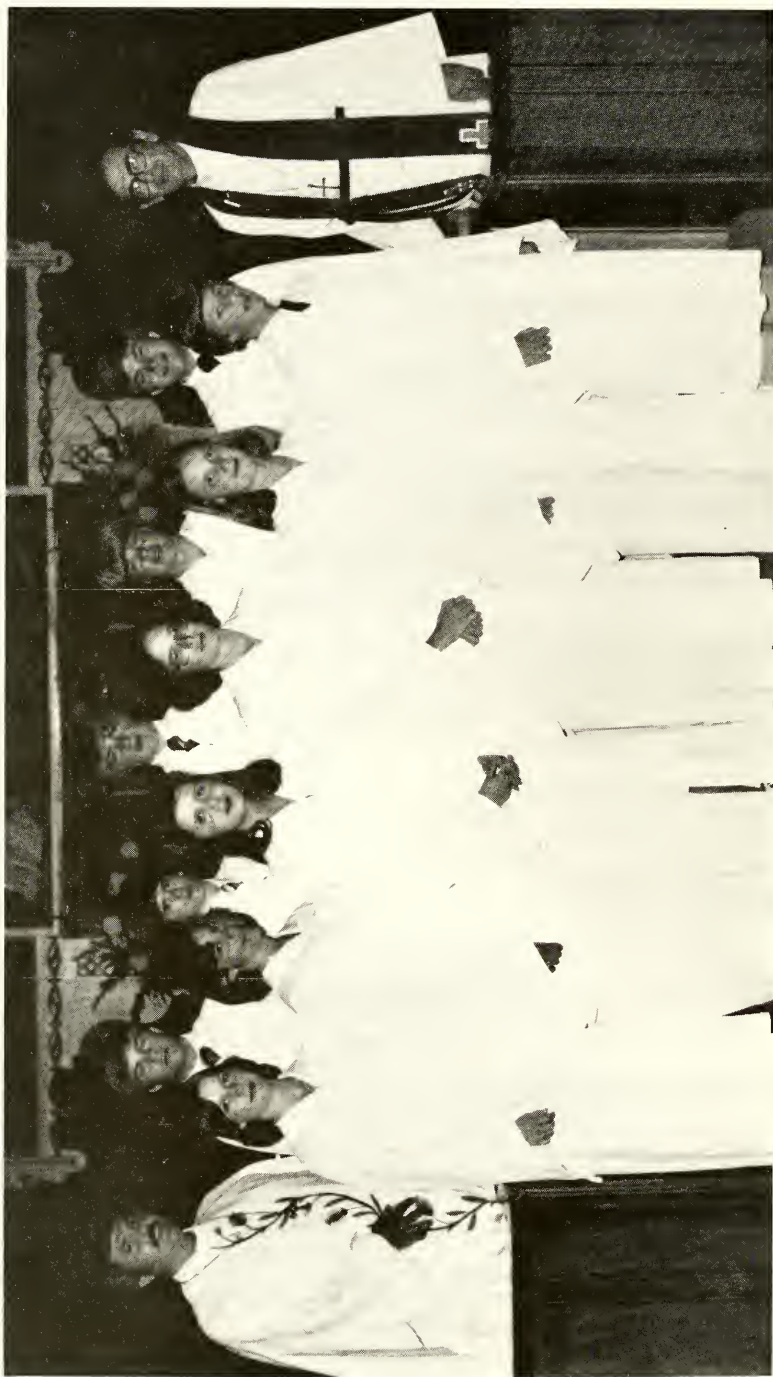
April 11, 1976 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Stewart Scott Brown, Betsy Lynn Graeber, Karen Cox Brown, Katherine Winfield Isenhour, Karen Starr Shaver, Gary Edwards Lovette. Second Row: William Bruce Tannehill, Kerry Kay Barger, Celia Evanne Ritchie, Kathryn Ann Coble, William Scott Weant. Third Row: Pastor David K. Huddle, Larry Donald Bowden, Jr., Christopher Carlton Lampert, Kevin Lynn Auten, Julius Daniel Waggoner, Jr., Barbara Jean Ruffy, Carol Carter, Pastor E. Edward Long.



April 3, 1977 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Jennifer Lynn Parada, Mark Harvey Robertson, Joseph Christopher Rusher, Lindsey Scott Fink, Thomas Kern Carlton III, Mary Toni Weinhold. Second Row: Ruth Diane Driscoll, Beverly Dene Markey, Garland Rene Markey, Laura Caldwell Keener, Rebecca Nell Isenhour. Third Row: Pastor David K. Huddle, Robert Jefferson Miller, Monte Brian Morton, Sabrina Jo Ruffy, Susan Elizabeth Owen, Joseph Lon Sims II, Melanie Ruth Smith, Russell Cannon Sizemore, Pastor E. Edward Long.



May 14, 1978 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Shannon Leigh Yarbrough, Lane Kristen Harvey, Anne Carol Maus, Rosemary Agner, Kathryn Carter, and Steven Conrad Gardner.
 Second Row: Pastor David K. Huddle, James True Loeblein, Kyle Michael Baker, Paul Swicegood McCubbins, Jr., Robert Davis Sims, Thomas Robert Loeblein, and Pastor E. Edward Long.



April 8, 1979 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Molly Eugenia Agner, Anita Lynn Lovette, Rosalind Anne Waggoner, Frances Marion Carlton, Myra Tannehill, and Lisa Allison Kirkley. Second Row: Brian Perry Parada, Bruce Alden Ketner, Jr., Charles Stiles Markey, Jr., David Scott Epting, and Robert Christopher Melton. Third Row: Elizabeth Lynne Tatum, Marsha Elizabeth Waggoner, Jonathan Samuel Rabon, and Steven Eugene Earnhardt. Fourth Row: Pastor David K. Huddle, Crawford Brent Safrit, Jeffery Ross Julian, Octavius Charles Harriss, Jr., James William Trexler III, David Lee Allen, Allen Aaron Lampert, and Pastor E. Edward Long.



May 25, 1980 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Carol Michele McCubbins, Marianna Monique Yarbrough, Laura Ellen Richard, Sharon Xzantippa Miller, and Beverly Gay Shuping.
 Second Row: Kelly Leigh Auten, Jodi Caroline Parrish, Gilbert Earl Johnson, Jr., Lori Joan Rusher, Deborah Kelley Huddle. Third Row: Pastor E. Edward Long, William Marshall Isenhour, Charles Douglas Frick, Jr., Jeffrey Lingle Bowden, and Pastor David K. Huddle.



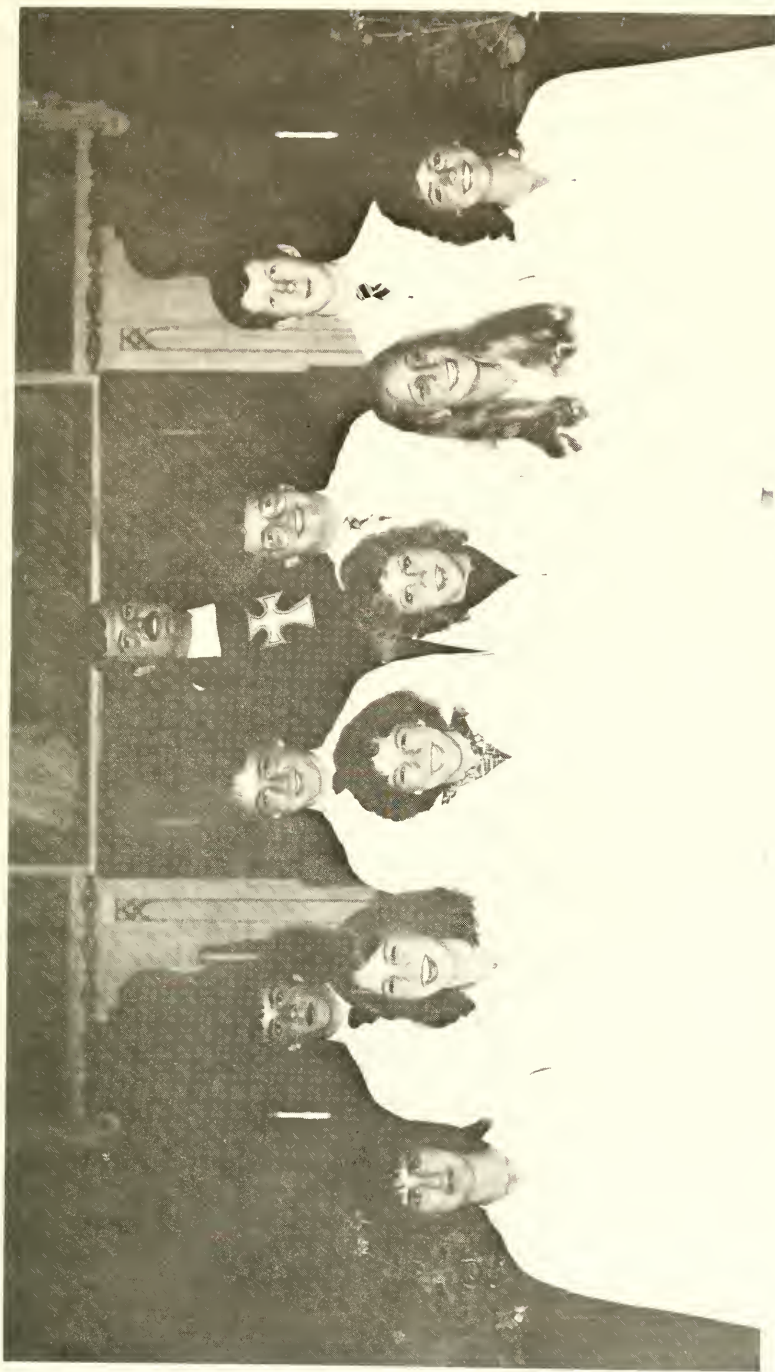
June 7, 1981 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Laura Louise Coble, Lois Katherine Stirewalt, Alexandria Leigh Pinkston, Virgil Lynn Lippard, and Monty Dean Selnes. Second Row: Pastor David K. Huddle, Ashley Ruth Safrit, Sandra Brown Gardner, Mary Kathryn Owen, Timothy Scott Trexler, Donald Roy Stowe, and Pastor E. Edward Long.



May 30, 1982 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Angela Rae Eagle, Elizabeth Williams Hood, Amy Ann Tannehill, Laura Jane Allen, Kathryn Ellen Peeler. Second Row: Amy Clark Smith, David Hampton Harriss, Eric Lawrence Parada, Evelyn Christian Brown. Third Row: Pastor David K. Huddle, Paul Andrew Markey, Tyler Preston Frick, Charles Luther Graeber II, Andrew Eugene Pope, Pastor David P. Nelson.



May 22, 1983 — Confirmation Class

First Row: Andrea Leigh Knott, Tracy Yvette Linebarger, Melena Lynn Weinhold, Celeste Noel Melton, Catherine Krider Carlton, and Lisa Suzanne Huddle. Second Row: John Rankin Rouzer, James Edward Epting, Jr., Edward Christian Allen, and Norde David Wilson, Jr. Third Row: Pastor David K. Huddle.



Psalm 150

*Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary.
praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*Praise him for his mighty acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
praise him with the psallery and harp.*

*Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
praise him with stringed instruments and organs.*

*Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.*

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.*



Sketch by Montye Harris Furr

CHAPTER TWO

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

by Ernest and Patricia Safrit

MUSICIANS

"I truly desire that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music. Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in this world." So said Martin Luther in 1538.

As the inimitable Mrs. Grace Aaron Rendleman* observed in 1983 after a lifetime experience as a church organist, "It is probable that more religious truths are communicated by the power of music, the great hymns and anthems of the church, than by sermons. The melodies of the hymns and anthems become a part of the personality of the worshiping people, when many words of the preacher are forgotten. And St. John's has indeed stressed the power of song in the services of God."

The extent and importance of music had been expressed in 1788 by the Rev. Adolph Nussmann, then senior German Lutheran pastor in North Carolina, when he "found that in proportion to the music which the people were able to conduct, congregations spring up, increase, flourish, decay, fall into ruin" (Bernheim 328-29).

Early records report singing at Lutheran funerals in the 1790's, singing in Lutheran Sunday Schools in 1816, and singing at North Carolina Synod meetings in 1835. Evidently congregational singing of hymns at St. John's was led by the pastor, the organist, or a member of the congregation until 1881 when the first formal choir on record at St. John's was organized by the vestry, appointing the following members: Miss Coppia Moose (organist), Mr. J. T. Moser (bass), Charles Graham (tenor), a Miss Watkins (alto), Miss Ella Graham (soprano), and Mr. Joe Sloop (tenor). Later Mr. Sidney Heilig was added to the choir. Mr. Charles Graham was appointed leader.

In 1886 Miss Carrie Rendleman,† daughter of Jacob Alexander and Laura Katherine (Eddleman) Rendleman, was appointed organist. She had been educated at the Staunton Female Seminary, a Lutheran School in Virginia, from which she received a gold medal at commencement dated June 8, 1886, for her skill at the organ. On December 25, 1888, St. John's congregation gave a gold watch to Miss Rendleman as a token of appreciation.

* A picture of Mrs. Rendleman is in Volume 1, page 239.

† A picture of Miss Rendleman is in Volume 1, page 180.

In 1891 the Church Council decided to buy a two manual organ and upon its arrival the following year Miss A. Gowan was hired as organist and was paid \$5.00 a month. A local newspaper article dated 1892 described the choir as "a good one and does excellent singing."

Again, in 1894 Miss Carrie Rendleman was unanimously elected organist at a salary of \$5.00 per month, and it was suggested that the choir be asked to practice regularly. In 1896 Miss Carrie resigned and Miss Beulah Bernhardt,* daughter of Caleb Theophilus and Laura (Linn) Bernhardt was elected unanimously as organist. Her education at Lutherville School for Girls in Lutherville, Maryland, had included organ, art, and voice. Miss Beulah was succeeded by Mrs. D. M. (Mary Julian) Miller, who is said to have served as organist through 1902.

In 1897 music books were ordered for the choir. The "black book," the *Common Service Book and Hymnal* was to be published in 1898 and, historically, pre-publication orders were placed.

Miss Sallie Virginia Busby, daughter of the Rev. Levi E. Busby, D. D., and Sarah Ann (Goode) Busby, was organist and choir director at St. John's from 1903 through 1925, a period of more than twenty years. She later served as organist and choir director at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

In 1903 at the centennial celebration of the beginning of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, St. John's choir, aspiring to produce a fine musical presentation, sang a setting of the "Te Deum Laudamus."

Two long-standing members of the congregation have shared some of their memories of music at St. John's church on North Main Street. As Frances Crowell Phillips recalls,

We had a pump organ. The janitor would be in the back and would pump the organ so the organist could play. The choir was to the right of the church. One member, Mr. Sidney Heilig, passed away and his chair was draped in black crepe for several months. Later Professor Clarence E. Betts, my Latin teacher, joined the choir and took Mr. Heilig's seat. There were six chairs for the choir.

Also Mrs. David (Grace Aaron) Rendleman, who served as organist at St. John's intermittently from 1914 through the 1940's remembers those earlier years:

In the 1913 to 1916 era of music in the old St. John's Church that stood on the corner of North Main and Liberty Streets, its music was indeed of a high standard. There was a small, two-manual pipe organ, with pedals, that was placed on the right side wall of the church, near the altar. The back of the organist was toward the congregation, and a small choir loft held members of a volunteer choir. There were no robes,

* A picture of Miss Bernhardt is in Volume 1, page 186.

MUSICALE

GIVEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY
 OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 SALISBURY, N. C.

Double Quartette	The Sea Hath its Pearls	Pinsuti
	Misses Goodykoontz and Crouch, Miss. Brown and Kitchen, Mears, Webb, Snider, Kitchen, Brown.	
Solo	Who Knows?	Earnest Ball
	Miss Kathleen Kluttz.	
Piano Duett	Witche's Frolic	Franz Behr
	Misses Virginia Busby and Mildred McCubbins.	
Solo	At Nightfall	Metcalf
	Mr. Marvin Snider.	
Solo	Could I?	Tosti
	Miss Gussie Aaron.	
Violin Solo	Mazurka De Concert	Trevelli
	Mr. David Rendleman	
	Miss Grace Aaron, accompanist.	
Solo	Love Me if I Live	Foots
	Miss Mildred Overman.	
A Bachelor's Reverie		V. Asbury
	Misses Thompson, Brittain, Heilig, Bernhardt, Nicolson, Pearson, Kern	
Solo	(a) Hark, Hark the Lark	Schubert
	(b) At Dawning	Cadman
	Miss Allie B. Ware	
Reading	A Georgia Wedding	
	Mrs. E. H. Miller	
Solo	Elysium	Oley Speaks
	Mr. H. H. Kitchen.	
Vocal Duett	O, That we Two were Maying	Nevin
	Misses Quinn and Crouch.	
Solo	A May Morning	L. Denza
	Mrs. Chas. M. Brown.	
Solo	(a) Look Down Dear Eyes	Fisher
	(b) Rolling Down to Rio	German
	Mr. Francis Griffith.	
Piano Solo	Mephisto Waltz	Gounod, Liast
	Miss Julia Crouch.	
Double Quartette	My Love is like a Red, Red Rose	Garrett
	Misses Goodykoontz and Crouch, Miss. Brown and Kitchen, Mears, Webb, Snider, Kitchen, Brown.	

This undated program of a Musicale, presented circa 1917,
 was supplied by Dr. and Mrs. George F. Busby.

and the ladies wore their best hats and dresses. The hymn and service book that was used was a small, thick black book with only words in it. The organist had a book of tunes. Hymns are written in certain meter—short meter, long meter, common meter, etc. At the top left hand of a hymn page are the initials C.M., S.M., L.M. to denote the meter, and the tune book had many tunes to the same meter. Of course the organist did not select tunes of hymns that were always sung to a familiar tune, such as “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “O Worship the King,” and “Nearer My God to Thee.”

Some of the choir members [including those singers hired from other churches] were Mrs. Stamey Carter, Mrs. Effie Barrier Brown and her husband, Miss Nellie Holmes Pearson (Mrs. Smith Foushee), Miss Beulah Kern (Mrs. Pritchard Carlton, Sr.), Mrs. Ernest Beaver, Mrs. Eleanor Ramsey, Mrs. Annie Moran Marsh, Mr. Fred Young, Mr. Glenn Parker, Mr. Marvin Snider, Mr. Luther Miller, and Mr. Hugh Petrea, Sr. At one time Mr. Francis Griffith, a well known baritone, directed the choir. Some of these choir members formed a quartet, and Miss [Virginia] Busby presented many “musicales” using these singers.

The organ had to be pumped by hand for the services, and that duty fell to the lot of John, the janitor. Often during a sermon John would go to sleep, and Mr. Marvin Snider had to go back and wake him up so we could finish the service. Church services were held every Sunday morning at 11:00, and vespers services were at 7:30 in the evening.

David [Mrs. Rendleman's husband] used to tell me that his Aunt Carrie used to play the piano, and she swayed back and forth so much that she fell off the bench once, but I thought he was joking.

The *Rowan County Lutheran* for October 1909 reported on Reformation services to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on October 31st for which the choir of St. John's was “preparing special music appropriate to the great festival of the Reformation.” Among the anthems to be offered was “one by Dr. Samuel Schmauk entitled ‘The Lord is our Refuge and Strength.’”

In 1913 the Church Council voted to pay Mrs. D. M. Miller \$8.00 for services as organist in the summer during the vacation of Miss Busby, “our regular organist.” Miss Busby's salary as organist in 1913 was \$25.00 per month.

During the summer of 1914, when Miss Busby took her mother to the mountains, Grace Aaron, daughter of Thomas Edward and Wincie Ida (Henley) Aaron, at age fourteen, filled in as organist at two ser-

vices each Sunday. This was the first of many times that Grace Aaron Rendleman, whose reminiscences were quoted above, served as organist at St. John's. When asked how she learned to play the organ she said her piano teacher, Miss Lillian Warner, "showed her about the organ" but there were no formal lessons. Her music career had begun earlier as she played a pedal organ "by ear" when she was a child. A customer of her mother (who supplemented the family income by dress-making) heard Grace playing the organ and suggested that her talents should be developed through music lessons. As a result Mrs. Walter Cook (mother of Mena Cook Livengood) gave Grace piano lessons in exchange for Mrs. Aaron sewing Mrs. Cook's clothing. Music was of common interest to Grace and her future husband, Mr. David Rendleman, who played the violin as she played the organ for special presentations at St. John's. Mrs. Rendleman, at age 83 in 1983, continued to share her gift of music as she played the organ every Sunday for the Service at the Salisbury unit of the North Carolina Lutheran Homes.

In the 1920's there was a paid quartet, members of the Oratorio Society of Salisbury, who sang every Sunday for a couple of years at St. John's on North Main Street. Mrs. M. R. (Margaret Bell Ramsey) Farshing, contralto; Mrs. H. H. (Eleanor Maynard) Newman, soprano; Mr. Fred Young, tenor; Mr. Jim Rideoutte, bass; and substitute Mr. Glenn Parker, bass; made up the quartet. Many other people were employed to "assist in the music" for special occasions, such as the Christmas season, from time to time.

A resolution of guidelines developed by a committee composed of W. F. Rattz, W. M. Cook, J. L. Fisher, Marvin Snider, Luther Miller, and C. M. Brown for St. John's choir participants was adopted by the Church Council on August 7, 1921. Concerns and expectations of that era were plainly stated:

Realizing that music is an important part of our worship, and that God is praised and the people edified by the playing and singing in the church; and St. John's desires the very best, and knowing that our choir is anxious to give the very best service possible, therefore, the Church Council, desiring to help the choir, and especially those members who are remunerated for their services, has appointed a special committee to cooperate with the music committee and the church in trying to reach the ideal.

In looking over the situation, and finding that the church is putting quite a little money in this service, the committees feel that the church has a right to lay down some rules as a guide to those who have charge of this sacred part of the worship. The rules are not intended to be critical or harmful, but helpful to all concerned. We desire peace and harmony,

and feel that it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the church—

Therefore be it resolved

1. THAT the organist is required to play at all church services, and choir practices. That a sufficient number of practices be held each week to give the choir ample and sufficient training for the music rendered.
2. THAT all members of the choir, and especially those remunerated for their services, are required to attend these practices, unless providentially hindered.
3. THAT Mrs. Ernest Beaver be the director of the choir with authority to select and practice such music as she and the choir deem worshipful and edifying. That she may ask such members of the congregation who sing to become members of the choir and help with the good work. When new members, who are to be remunerated for their services, are needed she is to confer with the music committee.
4. THAT these rules do not express dissatisfaction with any member of the present choir, and the music that has been given, but they are given in the spirit of helpfulness and appreciation. Discord and lack of cooperation will not be tolerated.

The resolution was duplicated and a copy was placed in the hands of each member of the choir. Mrs. Beaver was employed in 1921 as director at ten dollars per Sunday. Miss Virginia Busby was still employed as organist but took leave at times to care for her mother who was ill.

In 1925 Rob Roy Peery,* son of the Rev. Rufus Benton and Annie Letitia (Rich) Peery, was employed as musical director and was serving as both director and organist when the congregation formally occupied the new church building on West Innes Street in January 1927. The music at the morning service on that day of celebration was provided by the joint choirs, in vestments, the regular choir and the junior choir seated on either side of the altar facing each other. Rob Roy Peery presided at the new organ. The community service that evening was reported in the *Salisbury Post* on January 3:

The crowning feature of the day's program was the community service and Christmas cantata given last evening and for which practically all of the churches of the city had suspended their services. Long before 7:30, the hour to begin, the church auditorium and balcony was packed, almost every seat being taken. Still people poured in and temporary seats

* A picture of Mr. Peery is in Volume 1, page 228.

were provided for many, while others stood along the side and rear walls. The chancel space and every available nook and corner was filled, and quite a number were unable to gain admittance. It was estimated that 1,800 or more people were in the audience, among these being a number of out-of-town folks.

The splendid musical program, the cantata, was given by the choir of St. John's church, with assisting singers. Rob Roy Peery was director and Miss Elizabeth Sifford organist. The soloists were Mrs. H. H. Newman, soprano; Mrs. W. E. Beaver, contralto; Mr. E. L. Sistare, tenor; Mr. Glenn Parker, baritone. Others making up the personnel of the singers were: Soprano, Mrs. H. B. Buford, Mrs. Stamey Carter, Mrs. D. R. Faggart, Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Miss Lillian Griffith, Mrs. Walter Grimes, Miss Inez Kesler, Mrs. Rob Roy Peery, Miss Bessie Rankin, Mrs. Marvin Snider. Alto, Mrs. George Devereux, Mrs. R. G. Kizer, Mrs. J. F. Link, Mrs. W. W. Murphy, Miss Eva Peeler, Mrs. David Rendleman, Mrs. W. C. Sifford, Mrs. Ray Sloop. Tenor, Mr. John Cruse, Mr. H. C. Petrea, Mr. J. W. Proctor. Bass, Mr. William Griffith, Mr. John Herion, Mr. Luther Miller, Mr. J. W. Rideoutte, Mr. S. T. Trexler.

This inspiring and beautiful Christmas cantata, ["The Coming of the King"] by Dudley Buck, was presented in a splendid manner and was all the more impressive and inspiring because of the sweet tones of the fine new organ. It was one of the most elaborate musical events given in this city in a long time.

Later in the year 1927 the choirs performed "God Is Love," a service for Children's Day. The tunes were compiled by the Rev. T. Benton Peery with text by his brother Mr. Rob Roy Peery, St. John's organist and choir director.

Rob Roy Peery directed and Elizabeth Sifford played the organ in 1928 for a Good Friday performance of Sir John Stainer's "The Crucifixion." Presentation of "The Crucifixion" on Good Friday was evidently an annual affair as it had also been performed the previous year.

Mr. Peery's biographical sketch was published in the *Greensboro News* on September 16, 1929 under the heading "Music Notes," written by Mrs. Geo. C. Eichorn as follows:

Many readers, among whom are numbered the music teachers of the city and vicinity, have in their hands the news of new publications from the press of Theodore Presser company, and some have noticed in it the considerable space devoted to the description of the publication of a new method for violin beginners entitled "Fiddling for Fun," but very few of them

are aware that its author, Rob Roy Peery, is a North Carolinian and lives at Salisbury. Mr. Peery is widely known everywhere, seemingly, but in our own state, and he is one of those few young musicians of our state who have really achieved outstanding success. In Salisbury he is a private teacher of violin, piano and organ, director of music and organist at St. John's Lutheran church, which is the largest Lutheran church in the South, and teacher of violin at Catawba College, but a great part of his time is devoted to original compositions, articles on musical subjects and making arrangements of music for many publishers.

Mr. Peery received his degree of bachelor of arts at Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, his degree of bachelor of music at Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, Ohio, and continued his studies at Denver, Colo., and Bush Conservatory at Chicago. During the past winter he studied in New York City, studying composition with Ruben Goldmark, who is probably the greatest teacher of composition in America, and violin with Michael Sciapiro. He also took a course in sacred music at Union Theological Seminary with such men as Dr. Clarence Dickinson, Miles Farrow and Frederick Schlieder. During the same season he served as organist and director of music at the Church of the Reformation in Brooklyn, N. Y. He also made many arrangements for New York publishers and professional work for Broadway performance and was heard as violinist from station WNYC, the municipal station of New York. Mr. Peery was commissioned to write the World Missionary Hymn for the 60th anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in October, and was also commissioned to write a symphonic medley of hymn-tunes to be played by the Columbus Symphony orchestra on this same occasion.

Mr. Peery is best known for his songs, "Lead Thou My Soul," a sacred number, "Night," "Joy is in My Heart" and "Without You," but to many musicians he is equally well known for his compositions for piano, organ and violin. Among the favorite piano solos are: "Spring Frolic," "Autumn Fragrance," a set of children's pieces entitled "The Old Time Circus," "Wind in the Rain" and a new set of pieces which are included in the John M. Williams Service sheet for piano teachers for 1929, three popular numbers of which are "The Japanese Doll," "Hop, Skip and Jump" and "Follow the Leader." Among the organ compositions the best known is

"Nocturne in A," opus one, and the following are his favorite violin numbers: "Contemplation" and "Vacation Day," a set of five violin pieces for children.

Other compositions which are not quite so well known are: "Symphonic movement in E Minor" and a string quartet in D major. Altogether, Mr. Peery has more than 60 published works with such publishers as G. Schirmer, Carl Fischer, Arthur P. Schmidt, Theodore Presser, H. W. Gray Co., Boston Music company, Forster Music Publisher, Willis Music company and others. His original hymns are included in the "American Student's Hymnal" published by A. S. Barnes. His hymn-tune "Stirewalt," which was named for Miss Ada Stirewalt, who was such a power in public school music, was awarded first prize in a national contest conducted by Funk and Wagnalls, New York, several years ago; and he was awarded the prize in the international contest conducted by the Etude Music Magazine in 1923 for piano work. In 1925 he won the first prize for the best violin composition by an Ohioan.

As an author he has written "Fiddling for Fun," a violin method for beginners, just issued by Theodore Presser, and his "First Steps in Left Hand Technic" for violinists, is being published by Willis Music company. He is also a contributor on pedagogy and musical subjects to the Etude Music Magazine, the Lutheran, and other magazines.

Mr. Peery is a colleague of the American Guild of Organists, a member of the Hymn Society of America and a member of the National Committee on Church Music of the United Lutheran Church in America.

All this, so close to us, and still so little known to us. Music clubs of several cities are preparing programs of North Carolina composers and these will afford opportunities for North Carolina to honor her prophet in his own country.

Mr. Peery later wrote a hymn entitled "Salisbury," published in the *Hymnal for Young People* by the A. S. Barnes Company. He named the hymn in honor of the town where it was composed, as has been frequently done by many hymn writers. Additional articles from the *Salisbury Post* reveal that he was awarded the \$1,000 prize for the best music to Richard Hovey's poem, "Our Leige Lady of Dartmouth," and the glee club of Dartmouth was to sing the new college song for the first time during the traditional "wet down" ceremonies in May 1930; that his new sacred song, "Thy Guidance, Lord," was praised by Arthur Kraft, nationally known concert tenor of New York City, and was introduced to Salisbury audiences when Glenn Hartsell sang it at St. John's

Lutheran Church in April 1931; and that his compositions, too numerous to mention, earned for him national recognition and acclaim.

In October 1931 Mr. Peery accepted a position offered him by the Theodore Presser Company of Philadelphia, the world's largest publishers of music, in the editorial department. His new position involved studying compositions, writing new works, and engaging in other similar duties. He had been organist and director of music at St. John's since 1925 except for a leave of absence in 1928/29 for additional study in New York, at which time Miss Elizabeth Sifford, a recent graduate of Salem College, was supply organist at St. John's during his absence. When Mr. Peery resigned in 1931, Grace Aaron Rendleman was employed again as interim organist.

Dr. Hampton A. Stirewalt,* a native of Rowan County, became organist and choir director at St. John's in January 1935. His musical training had been acquired under the direction of Dr. H. J. Zehm, a musician of note connected with Elizabeth College, Charlotte. The previous ten years he had directed the music in St. James Church, Concord, N. C., while serving as supervisor of music in the China Grove public schools. After sixteen months, Dr. Stirewalt resigned because of physical infirmity in May 1936.

Dr. Stirewalt was succeeded by Harry Samuel Livengood,† who had been the organist at the Second Presbyterian Church in Salisbury for the previous five years. Mr. Livengood, son of Henry Samuel and Esther (Holman) Livengood, was a 1935 graduate of Catawba College, specializing in organ under the tutelage of Eugene Craft. While at Catawba, he was an outstanding music student and completed the course in public school music as well as other musical subjects. He studied voice also, and was accompanist for the voice department, as well as organist for the glee club and college choir.

When offered the position of organist and choir director at St. John's, Mr. Livengood accepted and acknowledged that he was "glad to have the opportunity of playing and practicing on the three-manual organ at this prominent downtown church." His duties were to direct three choirs and play the organ for two services on Sunday and a prayer meeting on Wednesday. Sunday, May 24, 1936, was the beginning of his music career at St. John's, which was to last for twenty-two years.

Mr. Livengood recalled, "My decision to come to St. John's in 1936 had a far-reaching effect on my personal life. I met the young lady who was to become my wife and life companion. Mena Cook grew up in St. John's and was a member of the Senior Choir at the time. She and I were married on my birthday, December 7, 1938. The Chancel Choir sang for our wedding."

* A picture of Dr. Stirewalt is in Volume 1, page 241.

† A picture of Mr. Livengood is in Volume 1, page 243.

When Mr. Livengood arrived, St. John's already had a Sunday School orchestra made up of eight or ten young people. They played every Sunday during the opening exercises, then went to their classrooms for Bible study. This continued until the young people completed high school and went their separate ways.

At the morning and evening Sunday services during this period, there was always a solo sung. Some of the soloists were Mrs. O. R. Pinkston, Mrs. Fred D. Flynn, Glenn Hartsell, Henry Fairley, Sr., Glenn Parker, Hoyt Safrit, Francis Safrit, Mrs. M. S. Byrne, Dr. Hamp Stirewalt, and Margaret Workman Lynch. As a variation in the music program, the hired quartet was no longer used and out-of-town soloists were employed as guest vocalists. At one time a sextet composed of young women in high school performed in church, singing three-part harmony. Mena Cook (Livengood), Juanita Horton (Newby), Hazel Leonard (Carlson), Margaret Poole (Daniels), Juanita Safrit (Williams), and Christine Cook (Rogers) made up the group.

Beginning in 1937 and continuing for several years Mrs. J. Lewis (Ruth Stirewalt) Sowers served as assistant or substitute organist. She played for vespers on Sunday evening and for mid-week services on Wednesday evening.

In 1939 St. John's began broadcasting one Sunday worship service per month on a local radio station. By 1983 the eleven o'clock service was broadcast every week except the first Sunday of each month.

Under the direction of Harry Livengood the Christmas Service in 1942 was entirely musical. The St. John's Choir of about thirty voices gave a program of special Christmas selections including the Halleluia Chorus from "The Messiah" by Handel.

When Mr. Livengood went into the United States Navy in 1943, Mrs. Grace Rendleman served again as organist and choirmaster until his return.

On Good Friday in 1944 Stainer's "The Crucifixion" was performed at St. John's with Professor Harry F. Taylor directing the combined choirs of St. John's Lutheran, First Baptist, St. Luke's Episcopal, First Evangelical and Reformed, First Methodist, and First Presbyterian—all downtown Salisbury churches. Mrs. David Rendleman served as organist and Mrs. Glenn (Lura Garner) Parker as pianist.

After his return from military service and his resumption of the position as organist at St. John's, in September 1946 Mr. Livengood began a series of fifteen-minute organ preludes, one each Sunday, to give the members of the congregation an opportunity to hear "a splendid organ that provided a churchly and worshipful atmosphere immediately preceding the regular hour of worship."

During most of the late 1940's a cantata by J. H. Maunder was performed on the Sunday night before Christmas. The cantata required

massive numbers of people, costumes, and rehearsals involving all age levels in the church. The nave was filled for every performance. Christmas Eve services during this period were held at 11:00 p.m.

As a part of his community service during 1947, Harry Livengood formed and directed the Salisbury Male Chorus. Much of the music for that group is still in storage at St. John's.

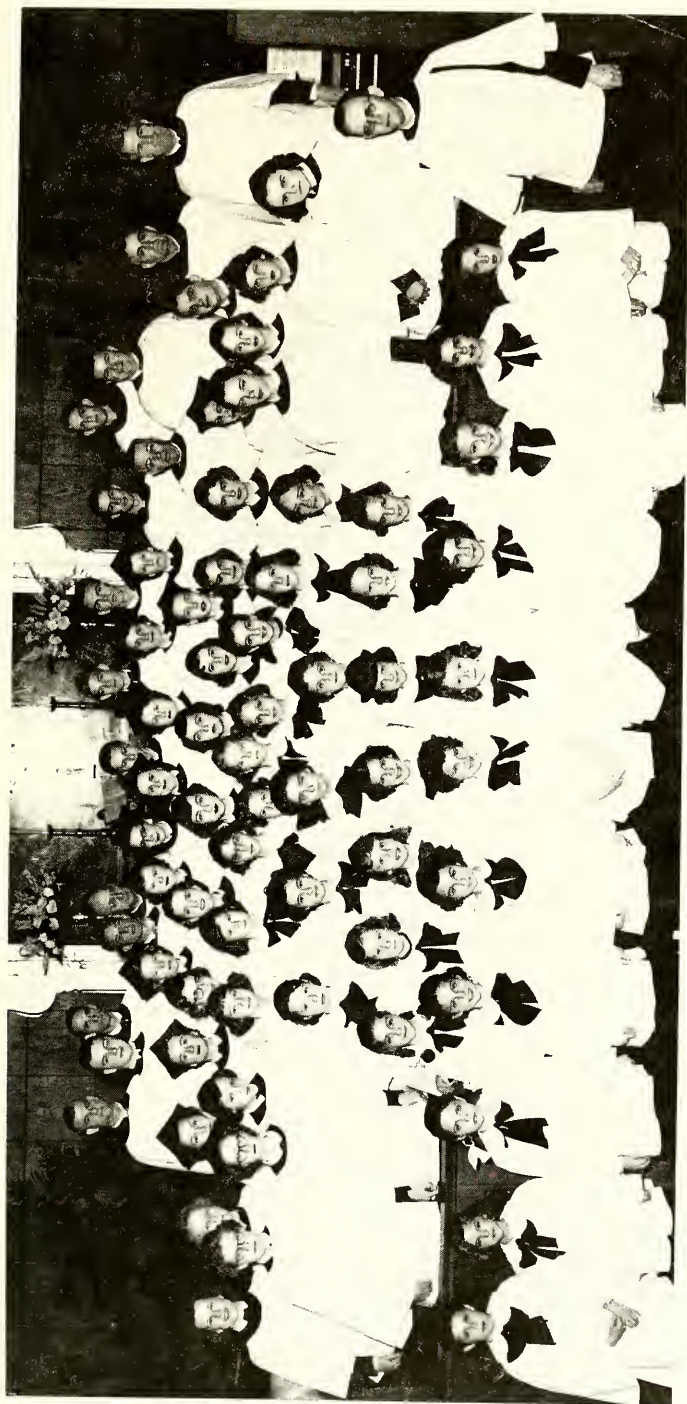
On January 15, 1948, Mr. Livengood's position was changed from organist and choir director to that of minister of music. With this change to a full-time position duties and responsibilities were expanded to include many areas other than music. These involved administrative and clerical duties. Also he was to assist in religious education, Scout and youth work, property management, a multiple choir program, and offer private music lessons to members wishing them. This arrangement continued until 1953 when Mr. Livengood went to the Salisbury City Schools as business manager, continuing as music director at St. John's on a part-time basis.

During these years the choirs flourished. While the Chancel Choir continued to be outstanding, there were also choirs for the youth of the church. A Junior Choir for children ages six to eleven met on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and exhibited enough proficiency to perform at the August 1950 wedding of their assistant director and organist Miriam Horton to Karl Park. The Youth Choir for high school students practiced on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, as did the Chancel Choir, because the Youth Choir usually sang with the Chancel Choir. Each choir elected officers and mapped work for the winter. Officers chosen were president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, social chairman, and librarian. During the remodeling to accommodate a new organ in 1953 a children's choir loft was built in the church nave, making it possible for all choirs to perform at special services.

Reflecting later, Mr. Livengood recalled that "we have always had outstanding volunteer choir members, but at several points the church wanted a variety of outside soloists to sing occasionally and at times had a professional quartet to support the music program. It was the practice to present musical concerts at vespers during the season September through May."

During the 1950's the Junior Choir traveled to Charlotte each spring to participate in the Children's Choir Festival. Junior choirs from Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, and Lutheran churches participated in the festival sponsored by The Charlotte Chapter—American Guild of Organists.

In addition to his many local responsibilities, Mr. Livengood conducted two workshops on church music in August, 1952. According to the July 27 issue of *The League Speaks*, these music workshops were a part of the Rural Institutes sponsored by the North Carolina Synod. One



The Choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday, 1952.

Front row: Julia Ann English, Mollie Heilig, GeeGee Sapp, Rudy Borland, Gloria Misenheimer, Julie Smith, Nancy Small, Carolyn Williams, Nancy Earle Miller, not identified, Carolyn Hughey, Harry Livengood, minister of music. Second row: Linda Miller, Christina Rankin, Barbara Spangler, Judy Cress, Carol Livengood, Anne Edwards, Katie Barringer. Third row: Anne Peeler, Patsy Tucker, Anne Mesimer, Eleanor Sifford, Connie Rickmond, Elaine Temple, Frances Barringer, Corinna Brown, Betsy Henry, Carole Jean Stoessel. Fourth row: Marlene Pyle, Cedelia Cauble, Pat Bernhard, Sarah Holtzclaw, Martha Sink, Patsy Ryan, Joan Brown, Karen Rawling, Millie Heilig, Elizabeth Miller. Fifth row: Virginia Goodnight, Marie Link, Viola Bailey, Norma Ludwig, Joanne Safrin, Carolyn Ketner, Mary Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Artz, Peggy Henry, Betty Scott Lentz, Mary Ann Petrea, Evelyn Grey, Julia Smith, Bob Shuping. Sixth row: Mary Ann Beaver, Louise Miller, Margaret Lynch, Mary Smith, Mattie Elizabeth Miller, Frances Barger, Luther Miller, Henry Rendleman, Joe Ivan Sims, David McPherson, Sam Temple, Frank Lyerly. Seventh row: Bill Alsobrooks, John Horton, Hugh Petrea, Lloyd Troxler, Mattie Kesler, Ivey L. Hoffer, Frank Barger, C. P. Hahn, Floyd Williams.

institute was held at Union Lutheran Church and another at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newton.

Encouraged by Mr. Livengood, musical performances by members of St. John's congregation provided experience for the young and a form of expression for the more mature artist, as well as inspiration for the listener. Three examples of the kind and quality of these performances are to be found in the following: First, when two Sunday morning services were introduced for the summer months in 1954, special music was provided for each service. On at least one Sunday Mr. Wayne Leazer, a future ministerial son of the congregation, sang a solo for the offertory at both the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services. Second, at the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday in 1955 "Alleluia" by Mozart was sung by Henry Tysinger, Jr. Two anthems were sung by the Chancel Choir with Lloyd W. Troxler as soloist. The anthems were "O Morn of Beauty" by Sibelius and "I Am He That Liveth" by Specker. Third, a cast of twelve supported by the Junior, Intermediate, and Chancel choirs presented the pageant "Bethlehem" by J. H. Maunder on Sunday evening, December 22, 1957, in the chancel of St. John's, directed by Mr. Livengood.

Maunder's cantata, presented in the basement in the 1940's during renovation of the church, was more dramatically produced in period costume upon several stages in the nave and chancel after re-decoration was complete. The cast in 1957 included Mrs. Kirby Broughton, Carol Livengood, Rachel Wyatt, Wayne Leazer, Mrs. B. R. Withers, Jr., Lloyd Troxler, Francis Barger, William Milholland, Miss Norma Ludwig, Raymond Ritchie, Bill Alsobrooks, and Mrs. Jean Kirk Ramsey. The angelic hosts were the Chancel Choir, the Shepherds and members of the caravans were the Junior and Intermediate choirs.

Supporting crew for the production were: directors of caravans, Henry Tysinger, Jr., and Mrs. Ruth Uzzell; stage effects and lighting, C. E. Weinbrunn and Ralph Correll; property, B. R. Withers, Jr., Raymond Ritchie, McDonald Wyatt, C. W. Leonard, Fred Rufty, and John P. Miller; costumes, Mrs. Charles Kluttz, Jr., Mrs. Harry Misenheimer, Mrs. Henry Tysinger, Mrs. Frank Sloop, Mrs. Bill Shive, Mrs. Wilson Smith, Mrs. J. A. Horton, and Mrs. James Stephenson.

In 1958, after twenty-two years of directing the music at St. John's, Harry Livengood resigned to become business manager at Lenoir-Rhyne College. The Church Council accepted his resignation with regret recognizing his "many years of devoted and dedicated service" given in a variety of ways.

Mrs. Wayne (Kathryn Wagoner) Koontz* became minister of music on November 1, 1958. She had previously served as church organist in Alabama and in Raleigh, North Carolina, and had assisted with the

* A picture of Mrs. Koontz is in Volume 1, page 298.



From the pageant "Bethlehem," 1957: Lloyd Troxler, Wayne Leazer, Frank Barger, and Robert Shuping.

Photograph by Earle's Studio.

introduction of the *Service Book and Hymnal* in the North Carolina Synod. Mrs. Koontz, wife of Salisbury architect Wayne Koontz, and daughter of Edward Walter and Pearl (Daniel) Wagoner, received her education in the Salisbury City Schools and at Salem College in Winston-Salem where she majored in organ and voice.

With the change in personnel, it was an appropriate time for the Church Council, in November 1958, to outline the duties and responsibilities of the minister of music as follows:

1. Regular Responsibilities
 - A. Play the organ for all church services.
 - B. Play the organ for funerals (all vocal music at funerals shall come from the church hymnal.)
 - C. Direct the Senior Choir.
 - D. Direct the other choirs of the Church. Some help will be provided here.
2. Volunteer Responsibilities
 - A. Weddings (See "Music" and "Organist" on the sheet "When You Are Planning a Wedding")
 - B. If the bride desires someone to play the organ other than the church organist, the proposed supply organist must be approved by the minister of music.
3. Other Considerations
 - A. The minister of music is allowed four Sundays for vacation each year. The vacation should be taken during the months of June, July, and August. The specific Sundays should be decided in consultation with the pastor. Vacation time is not cumulative. Organ supplies should be decided by the minister of music in consultation with the pastor.
 - B. In case of sickness making absence necessary, the minister of music is granted two Sundays each year. This is not cumulative.

One of the responsibilities of the choir director was to plan and direct the musical program at Christmas. For example, on Sunday night, December 21, 1958, at 7:30 a program of Christmas music was presented by the kindergarten and choirs of the church. The kindergarten, under the direction of Mrs. McDonald Wyatt and Mrs. Florence Sifford, brought the first portion of the program. The Junior Choir directed by Mrs. Wayne Koontz, the minister of music, assisted by Mrs. J. R. (Betty Hudson) Driscoll, sang a number of selections.

The Chancel Choir, also directed by Mrs. Koontz, rendered several numbers selected especially for the occasion. In addition to the music of the choirs, the congregation joined in singing some favorite Christmas

Hymns. Christmas Worship Service that year was at 10:00 a.m. on December 25.

Choir activities were reported in *St. John's Journal* for April, 1959:

The Children's Choir sang for the last time this season on April 26 and concluded their year of regular meetings with a skating party on May 2 in Spencer. Following the afternoon of skating, they returned to the church for hot dogs and drinks.

Suitable awards were given to the children who participated in the program. Those receiving silver crosses on black cards for their service for the first year are: Rita Gail Rufty, Susan Shuping, Martha Jane Busby, Patsy Britt, Kim Efird, Martha Cline, Ken Eagle, Terry Kern, Robert Carmichael, Brenda Hartley, Betty Jean Driscoll, Rhonda Bean, Ricky Driscoll, Yolande Roseman, and Lyndall Wagner.

A Children's Choir pin in the shape of a lyre is given to the second year members. Second year awards were given to: Brenda Hannold, Marcia Harris, Linda Beaver, Judy Long, Leda Shuping, Brooke Reynolds and Casandra Shive.

Bookmarks suitable for use in the Bibles or service books were given the third year children who included Montye Harris, Brenda Kinder, Elizabeth Miller, Dottie Rendleman and Patsy Smith.

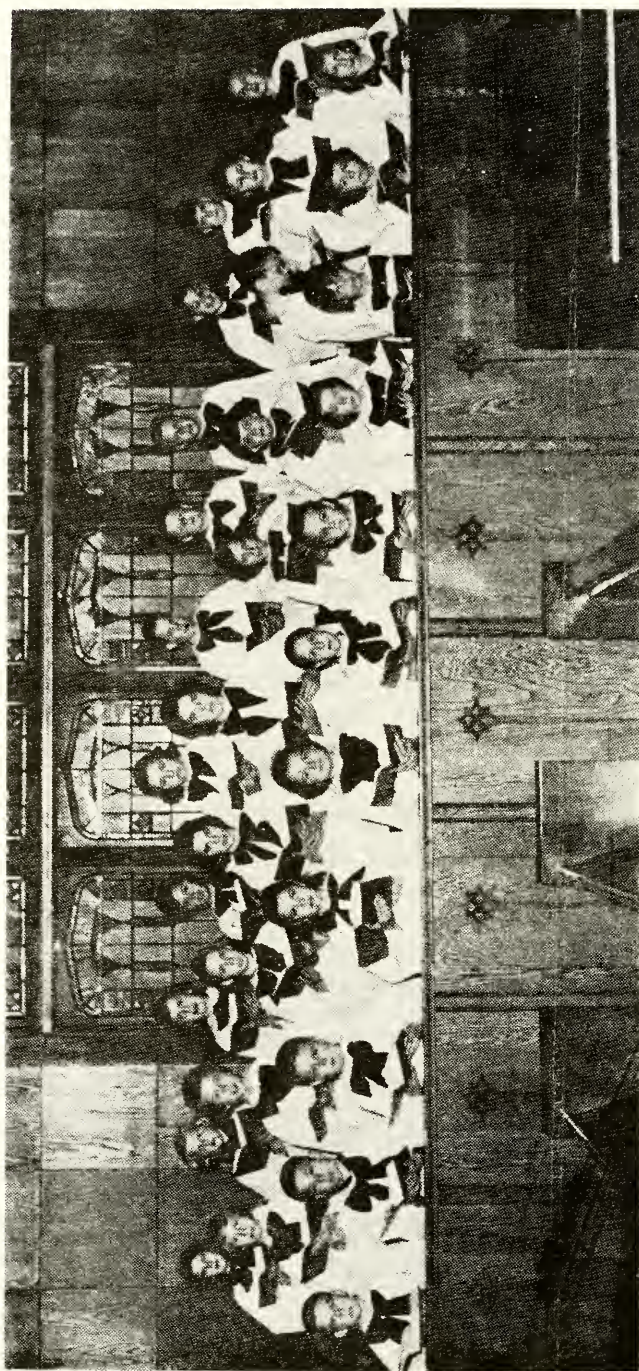
Richard Hannold received an appropriate pin as an award for his fourth successive year in the choir.

Pictured on the following page are members of St. John's Junior Choir who participated in the Junior Choir Festival held in Charlotte on April 12, 1959 at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Wayne Koontz, minister of music at St. John's, was guest organist for the festival. Assisting Mrs. Koontz with the training of the Junior Choir was Mrs. J. R. Driscoll. Henry Tysinger served as pianist for the group. The children sang hymns and anthems during the festival.

In November 1959, Dr. Dale Higbee introduced the congregation to the recorder, a Medieval musical instrument whose tone is similar to that of a modern flute. Mrs. Koontz provided the organ accompaniment for Dr. Higbee's rendition of Handel's Sonata Number Five.

A learning experience was incorporated into the Sunday worship in 1960 when the hymn-of-the-month was sung by the choirs on the first Sundays of the month, and was sung by the congregation on the third and fourth Sundays. Not only was the tune introduced from *The Service Book and Hymnal*, but a mini-history of the words, melody, and names of composer and writer were written in the *Journal*.

Two choirs, in September 1960, were included in Weekday Church School which began at 3:30 p.m. For grades 1-3, the Primary Choir



St. John's Junior Choir Members, 1959.

Front row: James Robert Carmichael, Victor Shive, Scott Carter, Susan Shuping, Terry Kern, Martha Jane Busby, Jill Misenheimer, Martha Cline, Marcia Harris, Lynn Myers, Betty Jean Driscoll. Second row: Lyndall Wagner, Montye Harris, Rhonda Bean, Dottie Rendleman, Leda Shuping, Brenda Hannold, Rita Ruffy, Kim Efrd, Brenda Hartley, Patsy Smith. Third row: Brooke Reynolds, Yolanda Roseman, Elizabeth Miller, Linda Beaver, Judy Long, Richard Hannold, Johnnie Misenheimer, Frank Sloop, Tommy Shuping, Ricky Driscoll.

was directed by Mrs. J. R. Driscoll, accompanied by pianists Dottie Rendleman and Eleanor Fisher. The Junior Choir, including grades 4-8, was directed by Mrs. Koontz accompanied by Sara Lou Thomas and Rudy Busby.

As she felt more of her time should be devoted to home and family, Mrs. Koontz resigned effective January 1, 1963, with "deep regret," and her resignation was accepted also with deep regret. During her tenure special emphasis was given to the children's choirs, with two additional children's groups being formed and participation increased from 35 to over 100. Also the decision to purchase the handbells was made during the years of her guidance of the musical program.

From 1962 through 1964, Mrs. Jimmy (Margaret Workman) Lynch directed the children's choirs in co-operation with Mrs. Koontz and with her successor. Mrs. Lynch, a life-long member of St. John's, sang in the Chancel Choir and was a frequent soprano soloist. She also sang solo for most funerals during the 1950's and 1960's as choirs were not used for funeral services until later. According to Mrs. Lynch's recollection, most requested hymns at funerals were "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and "Abide With Me" and there was one request for "Day is Dying in the West." Using her talent as an expression of her faith she sang "to the glory of God" where "words came first and then the music."



Margaret
Workman Lynch

After Mrs. Koontz resigned, the position of minister of music was filled by Arthur Honeychurch,* beginning March 19, 1963. Mr. Honeychurch had received a Bachelor of Music degree from Boston University College of Music in 1949, and a Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music in 1951. He had previously worked at churches in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maine, and North Carolina. Since 1953 he had been at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston, North Carolina. One of his duties was to be the organizer of St. John's Handbell Choir when the bells, which were on order, arrived.

During the mid-1960's the Chancel Choir performed various works by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Handel, and others with the Boyden High School chorus and the Salisbury-Rowan Choral Society. Cantate Sunday was used every year to spotlight church music.

In 1964 St. John's hosted a mass Reformation Service sponsored by the Lutheran Churches of Rowan County. A combined choir of 100 voices, representing all churches in the area, provided the music under the direction of Mr. Honeychurch.

* A picture of Mr. Honeychurch is in Volume 1, page 316.

Reflecting a general departure from the more formal structure of the conventional service, in 1968 a folk song setting (contemporary) of the liturgy was used in an attempt to appeal to the youth of the congregation. While the youth appeared to enjoy it, so did almost everyone else. Written by John Arthur, the service was accompanied by organ, guitars, and stringed bass. The service featured responsive singing by the pastor and the congregation in the folksong idiom, using the normal structure of our Lutheran worship but in a more contemporary paraphrase. The hymns which became favorites are "In Christ There is No East or West" and the lively "We Are One In The Spirit."

After six years at St. John's Mr. Honeychurch resigned effective July 1, 1970, to accept a position at First United Methodist Church in Malvern, Arkansas, and was succeeded immediately by Mr. C. Lynn Bailey*.

Bailey, son of Carl and Marguerite (Sivells) Bailey, came to St. John's as organist-choirmaster from the Union School of Sacred Music, New York City, where he had been a graduate student. A native of Lubbock, Texas, he had received the Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Tech University. While in college he was assistant organist-choirmaster at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock where he did extensive work with children's choirs and continued that interest by studying the Boy's Choir Program at St. John's The Divine in New York. After graduation from the university in Texas Mr. Bailey spent a year in Europe studying at the Royal Conservatory of Denmark and with Jean Langlais in Paris before he entered Union Seminary in the Fall of 1968.

In August 1971 Sara Gardner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner of Woodleaf, became an assistant to Mr. Bailey in the choir program. Under the direction of Mr. Bailey and his assistant, on Passion Sunday, March 19, 1972, St. John's Chancel Choir presented Handel's "Messiah." The choruses and solos from the rarely heard Lenten portion of the Messiah were performed. Choruses included "Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs," "Behold the Lamb of God," "By His Stripes," "All We Like Sheep," "Lift Up Your Heads," and "Worthy Is the Lamb." Soloists were Mrs. Wayne Koontz, Mrs. Robert Tannehill, Dr. Robert Tannehill, and Pastor Fritz.

"Choir News" in the August 1972 *St. John's Journal* reported:

St. John's Chancel Choir will begin the fall music program with rehearsals on Wednesday, August 30. The choir has a goal of 50 members. A membership drive will be held this month. The choir will have a workshop from September 5 to 8. Each evening the choir will meet to work on various aspects of choral singing. A guest clinician will work with Mr. Bailey and members of the choir. Won't you join us? This promises to be the best year yet for music at St. John's.

* A Picture of Mr. Bailey is in Volume 1, page 358.

The Senior High Choir began with a swim-cookout at Gaye Isenhour's. The group also met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bailey. The group is working on music for fall, most of which is folk music. The group rehearses each Monday night from 6:30 to 7:30.

The newest aspect of the music program is a group of eight singers known as the St. John's Madrigal Singers. This group consists of Mrs. Kathryn Koontz, Mrs. Margaret Lynch, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Tannehill, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Safrit, Jr., Marcus Smith, and Lewis Frank. This group was heard at the early service on July 30 with great enthusiasm by the early church goers. The group specializes in early sacred music. An addition to this group will be a Flemish model harpsichord [privately owned] now under construction by Dr. George Busby and Lynn Bailey.

Beginning in September 1972 Mr. Bailey was to become full-time minister of music. Prior to this, the organist-choirmaster was at St. John's about two thirds of his time with the other one third of his time and income related to private teaching or public school work. Under his direction the Chancel Choir joined with the choir of St. Mark's, Charlotte, to perform Maurice Durufle's "Requiem" at both churches in 1972. A professional recording was made of the presentation.

In March 1973 Mr. Bailey resigned to accept a position at First Presbyterian Church at Delray Beach, Florida. (In due course of time he was to become one of St. John's ministerial sons. His biographical sketch continues in that chapter of this book.) After his resignation, Mrs. Kathryn Koontz was engaged as interim organist.

In 1973 Karl W. Kinard, Jr.*, son of the Rev. Karl William Kinard, D. D. and Esther (Osteen) Kinard, became minister of music at St. John's. Born in 1935 in Sumter, South Carolina, he received his initial education at Dreher High School in Columbia, South Carolina; received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, in 1957; and a Master of Sacred Music degree from Wittenberg University, Hama School of Theology, Springfield, Ohio, in 1965. He had been director of music and youth at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Hickory, North Carolina; and at Ascension Lutheran Church, Savannah, Georgia; director of music at First Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio; and director of music and organist at First Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Kinard was instructor in music at Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina, from 1966 to 1968. He came to St. John's from the position of assistant professor of music, Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina, where he served as the college organist, chapel choir director, director of "The Madrigalians," and taught

* A picture of Mr. Kinard is in Volume 1, page 378.



St. John's Presentation of Noye's Fludde.

Noah, his family, and the animals await the dove's return at St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 24, 1974. Participants whose faces are not covered are Montye Furr (Mrs. Ham), Sonja Kinard (Mrs. Sem), Carol McCubbins (Mrs. Jaffett), Fran Tannehill (Mrs. Noye), Robert Tannehill (Noye), Karol Kinard (Ham), Malcolm Parada (Jaffett), and Lewis Frank (Sem).

church music, organ, voice, and piano. It is of interest to note that Mr. Kinard's great-uncle, the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Ph.D., had been pastor of St. John's, Salisbury, 1906 to 1920.

Sonja (Olsen) Kinard, wife of Karl, immediately became active in the music program, serving as frequent soloist in the Chancel Choir and instructor of children's choirs. Her contribution added greatly to the quality and breadth of the music program of St. John's.

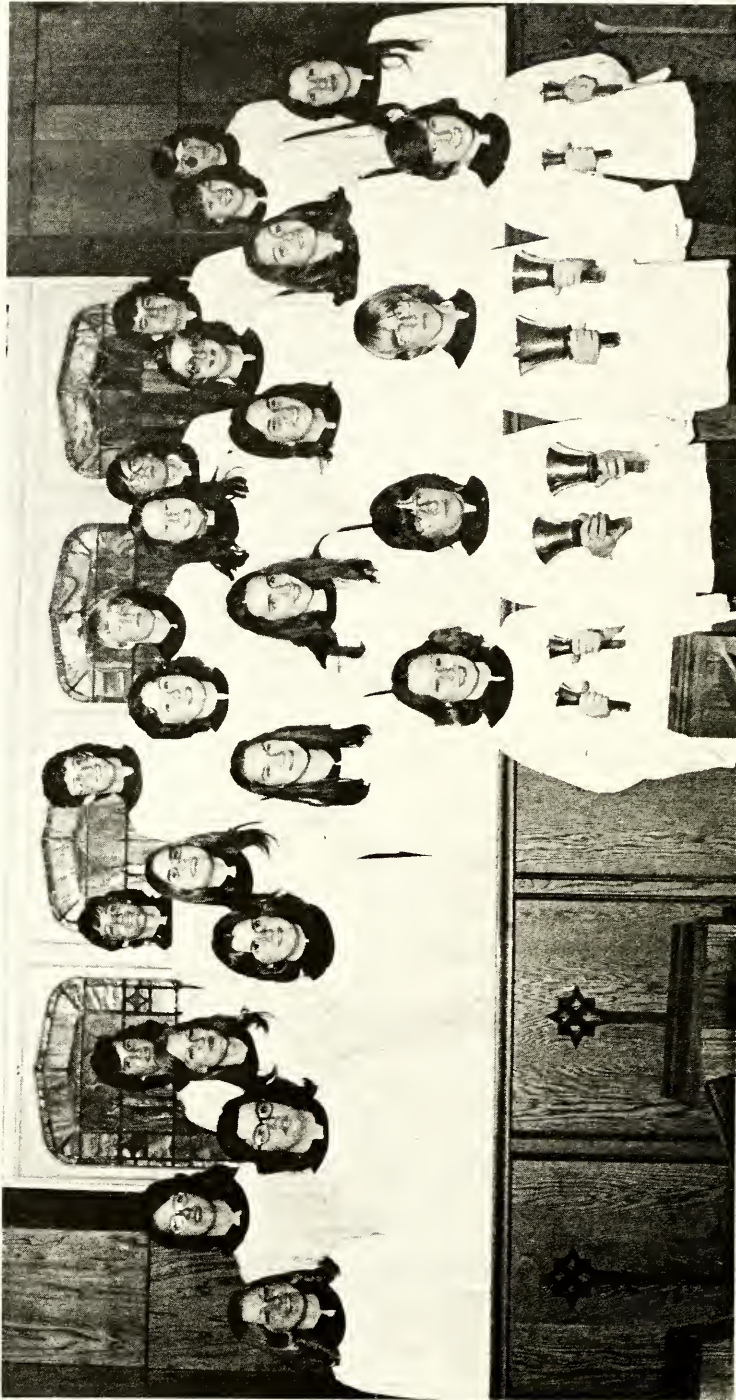
Under the direction of Mr. Kinard in 1974, the Chancel Choir continued in the tradition of presenting seasonal cantatas, with instruments, as part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service including: "Christmas Cantata" by C. Saint-Saens, "Cantata No. 23" by J. S. Bach, and the popular church opera, "Noye's Fludde" by Benjamin Britten. Over 100 members of the congregation participated in the planning and carrying out of the "Fludde" presentation, involving an orchestra of thirty-five, a sixty-voice children's chorus, and about twenty adult singers. Presented on a Sunday morning, the work was repeated in the afternoon before "another packed church."

The Carol and Crusader Choirs enjoyed a 5-week "choir school" in April and May of 1974 with classes in music, singing, instruments, handbells, drama, and crafts being offered. The event closed with a presentation of the children's cantata, "The Builders" by Joseph Clokey as part of the 11:00 a.m. service. This program was the first in a continuing schedule of Biblical musicals that were presented by these two children's choirs of St. John's. Usually presented in the spring, these musical settings of Biblical stories were frequently presented at the Lutheran Home in Salisbury as well as twice (1976 and 1979) for the Convention of the North Carolina Unit of the Lutheran Church Women at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory.

In 1975 the Chancel Choir served as the choir for the annual convention of the North Carolina Synod, singing for the Sunday Communion service.

In June 1975 the Junior High Handbell Ringers attended the Biennial Convention of The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at St. Augustine, Florida. The young people from St. John's were chaperoned by Mrs. Donald Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles Markey, and Mr. Karl Kinard.

In 1976, three years after the Kinards arrived, St. John's Senior High Choir and Handbell Ringers went on an eight day performing tour of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and subsequently cut a long-playing record of their performance. Adult members traveling with the group were Guy and Daisy Beaver, Sonja O. Kinard, and Karl Kinard, director. *St. John's Journal* for March 1976 featured a picture of the choir and story:



SENIOR HI SING AND RING IN FLORIDA, 1976

The St. John's Senior High Choir and Handbell Ringers left Sunday, March 21, on an eight-day tour of South Carolina and Florida, presenting musical programs in Columbia, S. C.; Winter Park, New Port Richey, Holmes Beach, and Clearwater, Florida. Pictured above is the Choir. First row: Karol Kinard, Olaf Kinard, Joe Fink, and Rindi Frank. Second row: Andrea Epting, Carol Carmichael, Kathy Smitherman, Julia Michael, Kathy Bradshaw, Judy Coble, Cindy Fink, Karen Baker. Third row: Debbie Parria, Melanie Sims, Patti Nelson, Dorothy Grubb, Sally Agner, Mirzi Epting, and Barbara Jo Sims. Fourth row: Danny Safrit, Stan Jordan, Oscho Ruffy, Tim Smith, Derek Long, Archie Ruffy, and Danny Hines. Those absent when picture was made are: Larry Bowden, Magali Carvajal, Fred Medlin, and Karen Smitherman.

As part of the regular morning worship service on April 25, 1976, the Carol and Crusader Choirs of St. John's presented a brief dramatic and musical setting of the Biblical story of David and Goliath, entitled, "David and the Giants." Directed by Anne Isenhour and Sonja and Karl Kinard, the choirs were accompanied by Barbara Jo Sims and Rosemary Agner. Many adults and young singers worked hard to prepare the music, acting, and costumes for this effective message which relates that David did not kill the last of the world's giants. Brent Safrit, Lynn Lippard, Charlie Markey, Myra Tannehill, Molly Agner, and Dellene Markey assumed solo roles and members of the Social Ministry Committee also participated.

In 1976 over 200 participants in nine musical groups, sponsored by the church, witnessed in sound, sight, and service, to their faith.

The Concert Choir

With approval of the Worship and Music Committee, a Concert Choir was formed at St. John's in January 1976. The purpose of the choir was to perform sacred and classical choral music three or four times a year as a worship experience within a concert situation, and to provide an outreach to the members of St. John's and the community.

Because a wealth of sacred choral music in existence is seldom performed as it is beyond the limits of time and circumstance of a church choir or does not fit liturgically within a worship service, the organization of a concert choir offered opportunity to use such music. Limited to twenty-five to thirty persons, membership of the Concert Choir was opened to St. John's members and interested persons in the community upon audition and selection by the director, Karl Kinard. Some of the works planned were to be accompanied by harpsichord, organ, and stringed instruments. At first known as St. John's Concert Choir, this choir's first concert was "The Conversion of Paul, Part I - St. Paul Oratorio" by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, on April 11, 1976, at 4 p.m.

St. John's Concert Choir, identified as St. John's Community Concert Choir, presented their second program of choral music on Sunday May 30, 1976, at 8 p.m. in the nave of the church on West Innes Street. The choral program, with accompaniment by a twenty-three piece orchestra, included "Five Mystical Songs" by the 20th century English composer Ralph Vaughan-Williams; "Schicksalied" by the 19th century German Johannes Brahms; and concluded with the "Giroia" by Antonio Vivaldi, 18th century Venetian musician. Featured soloists were: Fran McCachren and Rose Julian, sopranos; Fran Tannehill, alto; and Stephen Wellman and John Goforth, baritones.

In the fall of 1976 St. John's Community Concert Choir, with the need to be recognized as a separate entity, became known then as The Concert Choir.

In a request for support some financial facts were recorded:

- Each performance includes an orchestra of professional musicians whose services are provided by the gifts of members and friends.
- Members of the Choir absorb expenses for their robes and music.
- St. John's Lutheran Church provides only rehearsal-performance sites and office facilities.
- The Concert Choir's budget for 1976-77 is \$2,000. Primarily, these funds will provide for orchestral accompaniment.

This successful venture, begun as St. John's Concert Choir, added another dimension to the worship life in the community of Salisbury and surrounding area. Directed by Karl Kinard, accompanied by Dawn (Frick) Merrell, fostered by St. John's, and supported by the community at large, the group was and continued in 1983 to be an excellent addition to the cultural arena in Salisbury.



St. John's Community Concert Choir, May 27, 1976

(Picture from *Salisbury Evening Post*).

Front row: Karol Kinard, Mary Frances Rouche, Martha Smith, Mary Goodwin, Jeanette Ketner, Cindy Hoffner, Barbara Jo Sims, Fran Tannehill, and Sonja Kinard. Second row: Barbara Hoffman, Rose Julian, Fran McCachren, Jean Hooper and Maureen Thomas. Third row: Kevin Huffman, John Goforth, Mal Parada, Doug Ludlum, Jacob Mayer, James Cress, Lewis Frank, Jeff Ketner, and Olaf Kinard. Absent: Bob Tannehill, Steve Wellman, and Paul Carter.

In 1976, among other activities of St. John's choral groups—in addition to the previously mentioned tour of the Senior High Choir and Handbell Ringers—the Junior High Choir presented the musical “Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Coat;” and the Crusader and Carol Choirs were invited to sing “David and the Giants” at the Convention of the North Carolina Unit of Lutheran Church Women in Hickory. Those who served as accompanists in the music program that year were Dawn Merrell, Barbara Jo Sims, Judy Coble, Peggy Coble, and Rosemary Agner. Sonja Kinard directed the Carol Choir.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kinard worked effectively for the Synod as well as for St. John's. Mr. Kinard served as a member of the North Carolina Synod's Worship and Music Committee. He and Mrs. Kinard served as co-directors in 1977 and in 1979 and taught on the staff of Lutheridge Church Music Conference, and assisted with the music for the NCLCW Convention.

New recording and playback equipment for training purposes, acquired for the St. John's music department in 1977, was purchased with memorial gifts. Rehearsal risers, a series of elevated platforms, were purchased for the choir rehearsal room.

In March 1978 the Senior High Choir and Handbell Ringers repeated their performing tour of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Larry and Jane Britt and the Kinards accompanied the young people. In October, Janie Roberts, a senior music major at Catawba College, began serving as rehearsal and worship service accompanist, freeing Mr. Kinard to conduct.

Choirs under the direction of Mr. Kinard continued effectively to lead in the services of worship in 1978. They also provided music for the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the North Carolina Synod as well as for the induction of the president of Synod.

While Mr. Kinard served on the Worship and Music Committee of the North Carolina Synod, he and Mrs. Kinard worked as members of one of the introduction teams in North Carolina for the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Along with the Rev. James Stephenson, the Kinards led area workshops in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Newton. St. John's Chancel Choir served as the “demonstration choir” at the workshop held in St. John's, Salisbury, on October 8, 1978.

In January 1979 Mr. Kinard was commissioned to write a hymn (text and tune) for the 150th anniversary of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. In the following month the Chancel Choir participated in the Carolinas Evangelism Conference Rally in Charlotte, and the Christian Unity Service, which was held at St. John's.

St. John's sponsored a two-day Handbell Festival culminating with a public concert Sunday, June 1, 1980, at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. The congregation and public were invited to attend.

The concert involved music by individual bell choirs and six pieces played by the massed handbell choirs, directed by Karl Kinard, Jr. Fran Tannehill was chairperson for the two-day event which began with rehearsals, seminars, and workshops on Saturday, May 31; led by Kinard, Allene Yoder, James Reich, and Professor Marvin Burke. Also, in June, 1980, St. John's Junior High Handbell Ringers, along with 1200 other bellringers from across the United States, participated in the Biennial Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Orlando, Florida.

Typical for those years was the choir schedule for November and December 1980:

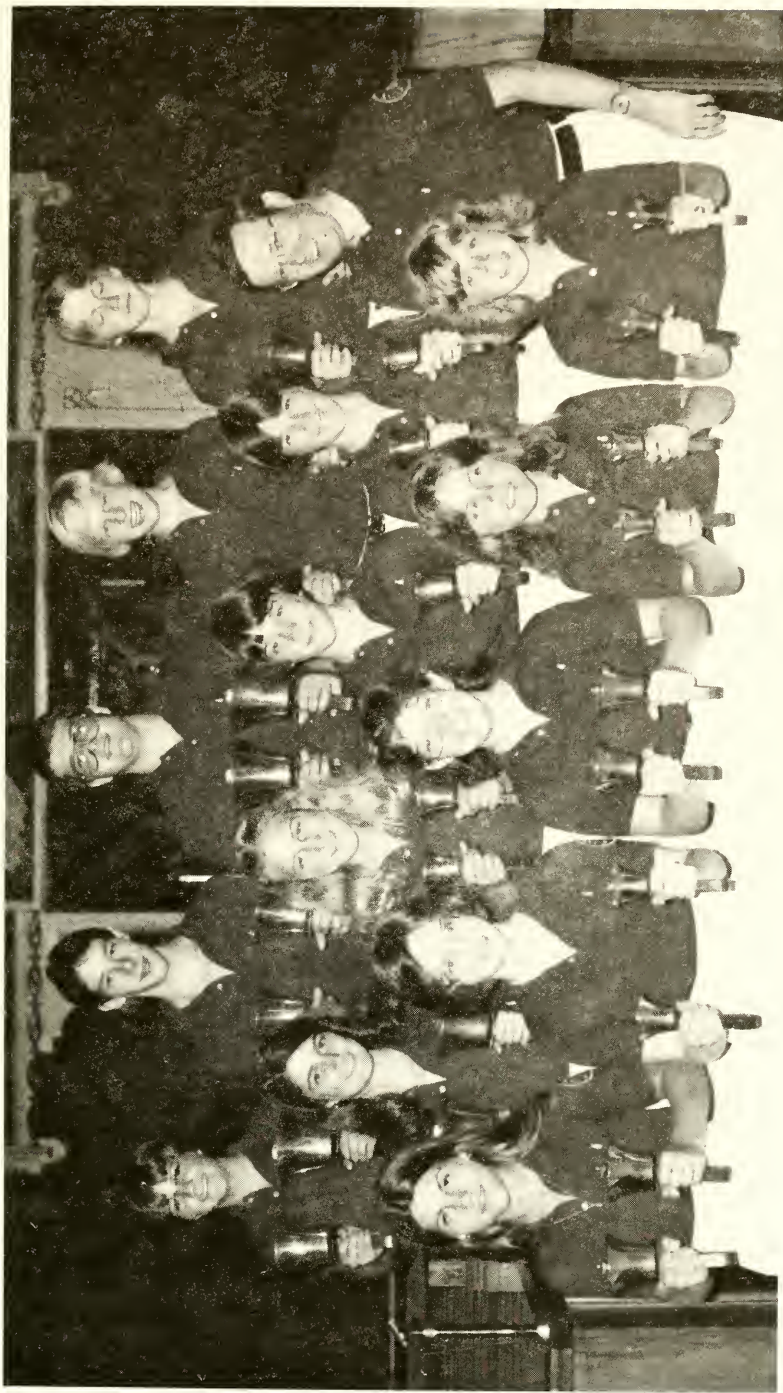
All choirs were to sing on Thanksgiving Day (10 a.m.) and Christmas Eve (9:30 p.m.). In addition to the Chancel Choir at each Sunday morning service the children and youth choirs were to observe the following schedule for the 11:00 a.m. service:

- Nov. 18 Junior Hi and Senior Hi Choirs
- Nov. 23 Crusader Choir (grades 3-6)
- Nov. 27 All Choirs
- Nov. 30 Junior Hi Choir
- Dec. 7 Senior Hi Choir
- Dec. 14 Carol Choir (ages 5-7)
- Dec. 21 Crusader Choir
- Dec. 24 All Choirs

The year 1982 found the congregation at St. John's striving steadily to become familiar with, to learn, and to like the new *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Members of the congregation assisted in the work of the liturgy by serving as lay readers, communion assistants, cantors, and lay assisting ministers. Many of the assistants were members of the Chancel Choir.

On June 6, 1982, the choirs assumed a major leadership role in the worship services at St. John's. The Junior and Senior High Choirs led the 8:30 a.m. service, and the Chancel Choir presented two brief cantatas at the 11:00 a.m. service. The Worship Board had asked the choirs to present the "sermon-in-song" since the pastors were to be at the meeting of the North Carolina Synod in required attendance. The Chancel Choir sang a setting of the 46th Psalm: "God is Our Refuge and Strength," by the Swedish Lutheran, Johann Roman, as well as a popular cantata by Johann Pachelbel, based on the familiar Lutheran hymn: "What God Ordains is Always Right." The cantatas were accompanied by strings, woodwinds, and organ.

As part of the regular Sunday evening Lenten service, beginning on March 20, 1983, the Chancel Choir of St. John's sang a portion of



St. John's Junior High Handbell Ringers, 1980.

Front row: Debbie Huddle, Ashley Safrit, Lois Stirewalt, Michele McCubbins, Myra Tannehill. Second row: Lynne Tatum, Marion Carlton, Marsha Waggoner, Rosalind Waggoner, Karl Kinard, Jr. (director). Third row: Lynn Lippard, Brent Safrit, Jeff Julian, Bruce Kether, Charlie Markey.

Part II of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah." The choruses, recitatives, and arias commented upon the Passion of our Lord and its meaning for us. The choir and soloists were directed by Karl Kinard, Jr., director of music, and were accompanied by a harpsichordist, Janie Roberts, and a string ensemble. Soloists included Fran Tannehill, Bob Tannehill, Jeff Ketner, Matt Trexler, and Sonja Kinard.

For the months of February and March, 1983, St. John's had its first church music intern, Donna Hester, from Pfeiffer College and Conway, South Carolina; as understudy to the director of music.

The Martin Luther Festival which encompassed the week-end of November 11-13, 1983, utilized the various choirs. A prelude by area handbell choirs directed by Dawn Merrell, Karl Kinard, and Fran Tannehill was presented on that Friday evening. At the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday the congregation participated in a Festival of Luther's Hymns led by the choirs, and an instrumental ensemble written by Mr. Kinard was presented.

What is recorded in this history about St. John's musicians can only attempt to indicate the service and the involvement of the choirs at St. John's throughout the years. The purpose of the Chancel Choir has been to lead the congregation in the liturgy, to lead in the singing of hymns, and to present special music co-ordinated with the theme for the day—in all ways to enhance the worship to the glory of Almighty God.

The average St. John's choir member has had talent—the ability to sing on key, to read music, and to co-operate within the framework of a team. The average choir member has had dedication, loyalty, and commitment to practice every week and to function every week, often more than once a week. The comradeship developed in the "choir family," within the greater family of St. John's congregation, provided a basis of friendship and ministry among its members. A talented and creative music director can elicit contentment among choir members. When appreciation is shown, the member is encouraged to develop his or her musical talents and receives the thrill of performance and satisfaction in a job well done. Such has been the case at St. John's.

Since 1978 and the introduction of the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, individual choir members have assumed a greater role in Sunday worship service as they served as cantors and occasionally as assisting ministers. Mrs. Robert (Frances "Fran" Diehl) Tannehill was chairman of the Worship Board, at the time, and along with Karl Kinard, Sonja (Olsen) Kinard, and Mrs. "Sonny" (Janie Bonds) Allen helped introduce the LBW within the congregation.

Offices of the choir are president, secretary, treasurer, and an appointed social chairman. Social activities usually include two covered dish dinners per year held at the homes of various members. The



St. John's Senior Choir, 1945.

Front row: Elizabeth Miller, Janice Raney, Mrs. Stamey Carter, Mrs. D. A. Rendleman, Miriam Horton, Margaret Smith, Mrs. A. S. Hudson, Pastor P. D. Brown. Second row: Mrs. Mariam Goodnight, Mrs. Floyd Williams, Melene Harris, Mrs. W. H. Peeler, Mildred Brown, Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Mrs. T. H. Rhodes, Mrs. Jimmie Lynch. Third row: Hugh Petrea, Mrs. Odell Sapp, Mrs. Charles Barger, Mrs. Harry Livengood, Mrs. O. R. Pinkston, Mrs. Walter Grimes, Ivey L. Hoffner, Glenn Hartsell. Fourth row: Edwin Van Pool, John Horton, Frank Barger, Benjamin Martin, K. V. Epting, Jr., James Casper, Toby Rendleman, Floyd Williams, Luther Miller.



St. John's Chancel Choir at Worship Service, 1980's.



Part of the Chancel Choir at Rehearsal, 1980's.

Front row: Emily Stirewalt, Virginia Goodnight, Lydia Donnelly, Ruth Anna Davis. Second row: Betty Huddle, Jeanette Ketner, Nell Leonard, Nancy Stafford, not identified, Pat Safrit, Fran Tannehill. Third row: Dale Higbee, Willie Stirewalt, Grant Donnelly, Jeff Ketner, Lewis Frank. Peggy Coble is at the piano.



St. John's Chancel Choir at Rehearsal, 1980's.

Front row: Pat Safrit, Montye Furr, Pat Conner, Mary Wilson, Sonja Kinard, Virginia Goodnight, Rosemary Agner. Second row: Judith Upchurch, Pat Roos, Pat Nelson, Janie Allen, Mena Livengood, Nell Leonard, Eleanor Sifford, Betty Huddle, Geneva Lytton. Third row: Allen Upchurch, Mal Parada, Dale Higbee, Harry Livengood, Willie Stirewalt, John Miller, Lin Stafford, Ernest Safrit. Standing: Karl Kinard, director.

Worship Board, prospective members, former members, and other guests are invited to these dinners.

At the close of 1983 there were about thirty-five members of the Chancel Choir—sopranos: Janie Allen, Virginia Goodnight, Betty Huddle, Jean Ketner, Sonja Kinard, Margaret Lynch, Emily Stirewalt, Nell Leonard, Eleanor Sifford, Geneva Lytton, Judith Upchurch; altos: Ruth Anna Davis, Lydia Donnelly, Lateena Loggans, Pat Roos, Pat Safrit, Fran Tannehill, Carol McCubbins, Montye Furr; tenors: Grant Donnelly, Lewis Frank, Bob Tannehill, Matt Trexler, Jeff Ketner, John Bumgarner; bass: Dale Higbee, Mal Parada, Dave Roof, Ernest Safrit, Lyn Stafford, Willie Stirewalt, Allen Upchurch, John Miller; with Janie Roberts (Rollins), assistant organist; and Karl W. Kinard, Jr., director of music/organist. One member, Mrs. Marius (Virginia Honbarger) Goodnight, had served in St. John's Chancel Choir for forty years.

SERVICE BOOKS AND HYMNALS

Marburg Hymnbook

The *Marburg Hymnbook* which Nussmann mentioned in the Church Constitution of St. John's Church near present-day Concord (Bernheim 253), was reprinted in 1770 in Germantown, Pennsylvania, by Christoph Saur. Divided in three parts, it contained 649 hymns including: the original hymnbook with 429 hymns, among them many hymns of [Martin] Luther and Paul Gerhard; the new appendix, with 186 hymns; and the very new appendix, with 34 hymns.

There were all kinds of hymns: hymns of the time of Reformation, and orthodox, pietistic, and rationalistic hymns. The rationalistic and pietistic hymns were more to be found in the two appendixes.

Besides the hymns, the *Marburg Hymnbook* contained Luther's Small Catechism, prayers, and the lessons for the Church Year.

Following the Reformation changes had been made in the worship service. During the Middle Ages, worship had become worship at a distance for the people, with clergy performing the ritual surrounding the bread and wine and speaking in Latin. When reformers saw the need to return worship to the people, singing of hymns was first introduced, followed by translation of the service into the language of the people.

Lutherans, who had been homogeneous groups in Europe and had come to America beginning in the 1600's, found other Lutherans arriving in the colonies speaking languages different from their own. By the mid 1700's Lutherans in America were from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland—each speaking his own language within a country whose governing body communicated in English.

As immigrant Lutherans settled into communities in the new world, they learned new ways of living and new ways of worshiping that became American in style. Eventually, as the older generation passed away, and their children and grandchildren were exposed to and learned the English language, knowledge of the mother tongue began to fade.

In 1748 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg compiled a liturgy in English for Americans using the liturgical form from St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Savoy, England, as a guide. Not all of the European groups represented in the Lutheran church in America accepted Muhlenberg's liturgy. Some of the groups made changes, some made corrections, and many versions of Lutheran liturgy and hymnody were published. The first composite of all these variations was published in 1888, the *Common Service*. Ten years later, in 1898, the "black book," or *Common Service Book and Hymnal* was published.

In 1913 books of worship, on hand, were given to "a colored church," and twenty-five new books for St. John's were ordered. Three dozen additional books were purchased at 12¢ each for the confirmands.

Christian Youth Hymnal

In June 1948 St. John's League ordered 100 copies of the recently published ULCA's *Christian Youth Hymnal* at a price of \$1.35 each. The hymnal was designed for young people especially and had many hymns in it which were not contained in other Lutheran hymnals. Additional description of the *Christian Youth Hymnal* was in *The League Speaks*:

Attractive in its red binding, the new hymnal contains 310 hymns, about half of which do not appear in either the *Common Service Book* or the *Parish School Hymnal*. A distinctive feature in the new book is an extensive topical index to aid leaders of worship in preparing worship programs. Included in this index are suitable Scripture references, numbers of suitable hymns, and numbers of suitable Psalms. The overall plan of the hymnal is to meet the devotional needs of present day youth.

Service Book and Hymnal (The red book)

In October 1957 eight hundred copies of the new Lutheran *Service Book and Hymnal* were ordered at a pre-publication cost of \$4.00 each. The book, which was twelve years in preparation, had a cover of red cloth, with the title stamped in gold on the spine. The front cover carried the symbol of the Cross rising from an orb, representing the Earth. The book contained 1024 pages including 602 hymns.

An article in St. John's Journal in April 1958 explained:

The new hymnal will contain the richest collection of Lutheran hymns ever published on this side of the Atlantic. Each of the eight participating bodies contributed what it considered the finest examples of hymnody derived from its particular European tradition. [The eight participants were The American Evangelical Lutheran Church, The American Lutheran Church, The Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Free Church, The United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and The United Lutheran Church in America.]

Sweden will be represented by seventeen translations; Denmark and Norway, who possess a common hymn heritage, are represented by 24 hymns. Finland's contribution to the hymnal consists of four hymns and from Iceland have come three lyrics.

The greater number of hymns in the collection had their origin in England and America, ranging from the time of the Venerable Bede, who died in 735 A.D., to contemporary writers.

Seven hymns are by Martin Luther. Charles Wesley, a Methodist, holds the distinction of having the largest number of hymns in the collection—seventeen. Isaac Watts and James Montgomery also rank high in popularity in the hymnal.

Emphasizing the ecumenical character of the book are some eighty hymns of the so-called classical tradition. These are the early Greek hymns of the Eastern Church and the later Latin hymns of the Western Church. One of the oldest, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence," is from the liturgy of St. James of Jerusalem, dating from the fourth century.

The book included a selection of musical settings for other parts of the service. Training sessions were provided to acquaint the congregation with the new liturgy. Scripture lessons in both King James and Revised Standard versions were to be provided in a separate book.

Lutheran Book of Worship (The green book)

In October 1979 the new *Lutheran Book of Worship* was introduced to the congregation. The *Book of Worship* was a product of a joint effort by the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. These churches formed the Inter-Lutheran Commission

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THE SERVICES

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) and 11 a.m. (Nave)

Prelude	"Aria"	Flor Peeters
Announcements		
* The Confession of Sins		Page 56
* Hymn 526	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"	
* Greeting, Response, and Kyrie		Page 57
* Hymn of Praise	"This Is The Feast"	Page 60
* Prayer of the Day - Salutation		Page 62
The Children's Message (11 a.m.)		
The First Lesson		Exodus 32:7-14
Psalmody	Psalm 51:1-18	(see insert sheet)
The Second Lesson		1 Timothy 1:12-17
* The Verse		Page 62
* The Gospel		Luke 15:1-10
* The Gospel Response		Page 63
Sermon	"Life's Luckiest Moment"	Pastor Gotwald
* Hymn 298	"One There Is, Above All Others"	
* The Apostles' Creed		Page 65
The Offering		
Anthem	"This Is My Father's World"	W. Grams
* The Offertory		Page 75
* The Prayers		Page 75
* The Benediction		Page 76
* Hymn 456	"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is"	
Postlude	"Holy God We Praise You"	Peeters
	* Congregation shall stand	

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald

LAY ASSISTING MINISTER: Robert Tannehill

LAY READERS: 8:30 Richard Nelson; 11 Barbara Bumgarner

ASST. ORGANIST: Janie Roberts; CANTOR: Pat Roos

ACOLYTES: Traci Cauble and Jamie Honeycutt

JR. USHERS: Mark Bowden and Wes Barnes

GREETERS: Loyd & Barbara Hill, Cullen & Helen Lentz, and Julian

& Mary Smith

This example of the order for public worship service at St. John's is from the printed bulletin for Sunday, September 18, 1983.

on Worship, which issued a series of trial-use booklets, supplemented with testing programs, conferences, and questionnaires.

A statement of expected accomplishments are revealed in the introduction to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*:

An examination of the contents will reveal the several goals toward which the Commission worked in liturgy: to restore to Holy Baptism the liturgical rank and dignity implied by Lutheran theology, and to draw out the baptismal motifs in such acts as the confession of sin and the burial of the dead; to continue to move into the larger ecumenical heritage of liturgy while, at the same time, enhancing Lutheran convictions about the Gospel; to involve lay persons as assisting ministers who share the leadership of corporate worship; to bring the language of prayer and praise into conformity with the best current usage; to offer a variety of musical styles.

Examples of musical variety in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* are found in the three musical settings for "Holy Communion." Setting I, composed by Richard Hillert, is the most contemporary of the three. Setting II, composed and arranged by Ronald Nelson, is more in the hymn style, while Setting III is an adaptation of Setting II from *The Service Book and Hymnal*. The music for "Evening Prayer," "Morning Prayer," and "Compline" is written in a contemporary chant style by a group of American Lutheran composers.

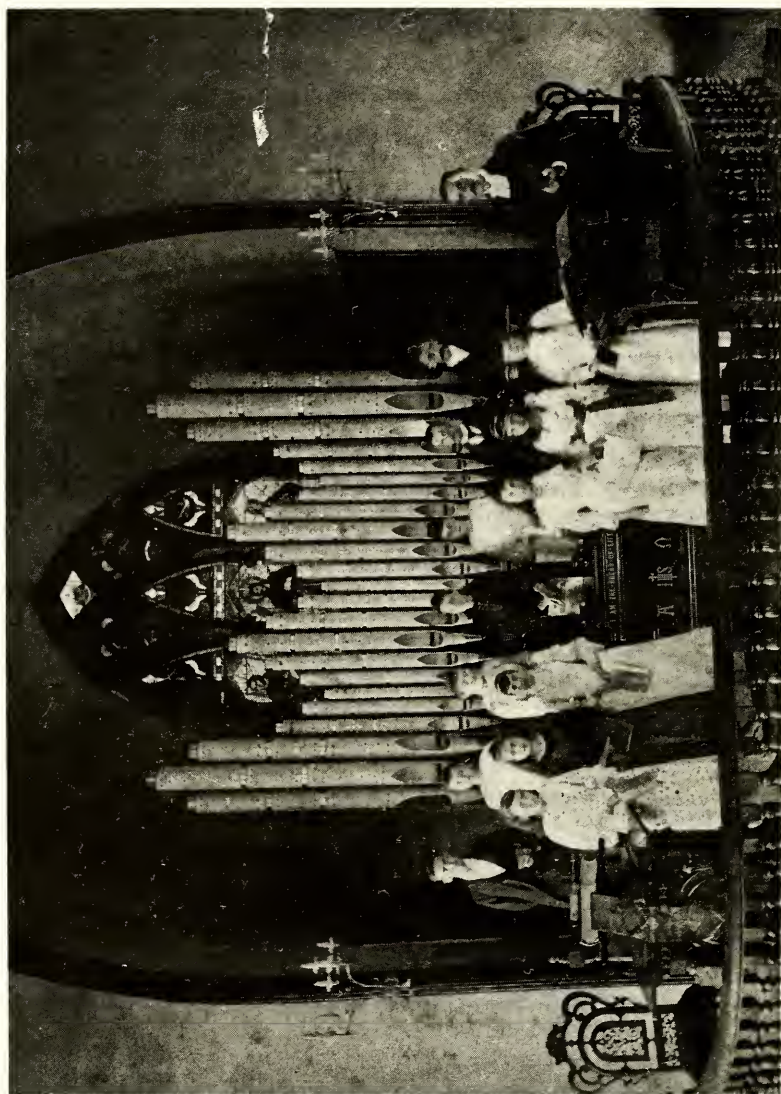
St. John's congregation tested one setting of the liturgy, and members were able to help shape the project through their evaluations. Freedom, flexibility, greater use of lay ministers, and contemporary language are hallmarks of the book, yet it embodies a continuity with Lutherans throughout the world. St. John's ordered 750 copies of the new *Lutheran Book of Worship* which were placed in the pew racks on September 2, 1979.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The Organ and Piano

We have no description of the first organ or organs in the church at St. John's, but evidence points to the existence of one prior to 1881. In that year the first choir on record was appointed with "organist" named and in 1886 an "organist" for the congregation was appointed.

It is likely that the two previous church buildings on North Lee Street had contained an organ as our first German Lutheran pastor, the Rev. Adolph Nussmann, had encouraged their use: "An organ is also necessary, as it must be our chief concern to re-instate church music" (Bernheim 328).



St. John's Chancel in 1892. Pastor King stands with choir members in front of the new pipe organ which partially conceals the Diet Memorial Window.*

* See Volume 1, page 175.

In November 1891 a meeting of the council was held immediately following the service to consider buying a pipe organ for the church at a cost of \$1000. Then it was decided to buy a two-manual organ from M. P. Moeller Organ Company in Hagerstown, Maryland, drawn up to Mr. Moeller's specifications. The cost would be \$1200.

The special committee approved by the council "to attend to the business in connection with the purchase of the pipe organ" reported that the organ was built according to contract and was satisfactorily received by the payment of \$600 cash and giving a note for \$600 with 6% interest due in six months from April 8, 1892. In 1894 the organ was tuned and put in first class shape and the window behind the organ had been sealed up to protect the organ from dampness. By 1899 the council needed "to ascertain on what terms to get the organ moved" as part of a renovation program. The organ was overhauled and a new motor installed at a cost of \$225 in 1915. After twenty-five years use from the two manual organ, a new organ was purchased for \$3500. Ten years later, when the congregation moved into the new structure on West Innes Street, the organ was sold for \$2500.

The M. P. Moeller Organ Company was again supplier of an organ for St. John's in 1926, a three-manual with harp and chimes. An article in *The League Speaks* gave a history and description of the organ:

The large pipe organ here at St. John's was built by the M. P. Moeller Organ Company in 1926 at a cost of about \$12,000. The present day [1948] replacement cost would be almost \$30,000.

It is played from the console located in the balcony. The various tone colors are controlled by fifty-nine stops by moving them to the "on" or "off" position. The 1,767 speaking pipes are located in two organ chambers at each side of the chancel. Some of these pipes are smaller than a pencil and others are almost sixteen feet high. The tone quality desired determines whether or not the pipe is made of wood or metal. When the organ is tuned the pipe is either lengthened or shortened which in turn either raises or lowers the pitch. The pipes which are visible to the congregation are for display only and do not speak. They serve to conceal eight groups of shutters which can be opened or closed to increase or decrease the volume.

The wind supply is furnished by a blower powered by a five horsepower motor. This is located in the basement, and the air is piped to the chambers through large metal ducts. A system of bellows and reservoirs keep the pressure even. Under each set of pipes is a chest filled with air. When a

note is played a current operates the stop switch and note magnet which causes air to flow into the pipe.

St. John's is fortunate in having an organ of such proportions and the congregation should take great pride in it. A great deal of enjoyment can be gained by listening to the organ masterpieces written for church services, and it is hoped that our people will listen to our organ with new interest.

Before remodeling the church in the late 1940's decisions had to be made. On return to his former job as organist at St. John's following service in World War II, Mr. Livengood was asked by Dr. P. D. Brown, "Where do you want the console?" Mr. Livengood found that the decorator's first suggestion had been to place it in the hall and provide earphones for the organist to hear the service and choir. After several conferences with the organ service representative, Mr. Livengood suggested that we look into the possibility of placing the console in the gallery. In some instances this arrangement had worked satisfactorily. We then tried several choir rehearsals in the church using a small 2-octave console section temporarily wired into the regular console. It was agreed that the change would work, and the move to the gallery [balcony] was included in the remodeling plans.

In early 1950 it became evident that general deterioration of the organ was continuing, and that plans should be made to replace or rebuild the organ whenever funds were available. Both organ chambers had been damaged by severe roof leaks in the 1930's, resulting in damage to pipes and chests. Upon comparison of prices for rebuilding versus replacement, it was agreed that the small extra cost for a new organ was worth it, and the church would be getting a more modern tonal specification and a better balanced instrument.

And so on October 8, 1950, the Moeller instrument installed in 1926 was used for the last time and Miss Janice Raney loaned St. John's her electronic organ to use while the new instrument was being built. The Moeller organ was removed to the organ factory with the understanding that certain pipes could be re-used if feasible. However, the company [Standaart] having the contract for the new organ went into receivership, and the Church called on the bonding company to make good on the contract. The frustration and disappointment to the organ committee, composed of Lloyd Troxler, chairman, S. T. Trexler, Dr. Charles Feezor, L. G. Goodman, Jr., John C. Cress, J. M. Casper, Jr., and Ervin E. Lampert, can only be imagined.

The "organ problem" was listed as a top priority for 1954. In March, a contract was signed with Casavant Freres of Canada for a three-manual, fifty rank pipe organ at a cost of \$42,000. The Casavant company had been in the organ business since 1839. Installation and grillwork made the total about \$45,000. The church had \$27,500, and

the Casavant firm was willing to carry notes for \$17,500 for two years at 5% interest. The organ was first used in November, and was dedicated at a blessing service in December. The Church borrowed \$10,000 from Wachovia Bank to finish paying for the instrument.

Mr. Harry Livengood introduced the new organ to the congregation on November 21, 1954 at the 11 o'clock service. At the evening service he explained the instrument and demonstrated its tonal possibilities with the rendition of several numbers.

Extensive renovations were made to accommodate the new organ which included removal of the display pipes and installation of a new handcarved grill with cloth backing. The walls of the church were painted and paneling installed in the transept choir. The organ console was installed directly behind the lectern with a screen to partly conceal it.

The organ committee in 1954 was composed of Joe Seawell, Jr. (chairman), Ervin E. Lampert, W. B. Kesler, John Robert Crawford, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, Mrs. C. F. Raney, and Charles Heilig. Harry S. Livengood, minister of music at St. John's, drew the specifications and acted as consultant to the committee.

On Sunday, December 19, 1954, the instrument's real debut came with the service for the blessing of the organ. At the 11 o'clock service on that day, Mr. Livengood played as prelude "Trumpet Air in D" by Purcell, "Hark a Voice Sayeth All Are Mortal" by Bach, and "Psalm XIV" by Marcello. For the offertory he played "Grave, Adagio and



Harry Livengood at the console of St. John's new pipe organ, 1954.

(Picture from *St. John's Journal*, Nov. 1954)

Allegro" by Mendelssohn. The postlude was "Toccato in D Minor" by Nevin. For the 7:30 service he played "Benediction," "Now Thank We All Our God" and "Angelus" by Karg-Elert, "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" (The Cathedral) and "Welcome Sweet Rest" by Bach, "Voix Celeste" by Batiste, "Lost Chord" by Sullivan, and "Festival Postlude" by Handel.

Information about the new organ was supplied in the bulletin at that service:

The pipe organ being blessed today was manufactured by Casavant Freres Limited of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. There are four complete divisions in the organ—Swell, Great, Choir, and Pedal. The three-manual console has 52 speaking stops to control the 3060 pipes in the organ. There are 51 combination pistons and toe stubs to control the 82 draw knobs and couplers.

The pipes are located in chambers on each side of the chancel with the Great and Choir on the right and the Swell on the left. The tonal design of the organ is a compromise between the romantic and classic organs being manufactured today. The organ contains a clear and thrilling ensemble as well as a wealth of solo and soft stops.

To maintain the beauty of its sound, the Casavant Organ underwent needed renovation in 1980, after more than twenty-five years of service. The entire organ (over 3,000 pipes) was revoiced and regulated. The work was done by the area Casavant Organ Company representative.

In 1968 a small Zimmer pipe organ was installed in the new chapel. It had four ranks and two basic sounds: principal and flute. The pipes, made in Germany, were voiced on low pressure and classic style, producing a mild, colorful tone. Added later were three additional ranks of pipes with two additional colors: string and reed.

In addition to ten working (rehearsal) instruments, a new Yamaha Grand Piano was supplied by an anonymous donor in 1980 to be used for choir rehearsals.

Tower Bell/Tower Chimes

In 1891 a bell was bought for the church on North Main Street. The bell was cast by the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland, stood 4½ feet from the floor, and weighed 600 pounds. Few churches had bells and the members were proud of the tolling thirty minutes before time for the service, letting all the community know it was time to assemble in the Lord's house. When the congregation moved into the new church on West Innes Street in 1927 the bell was moved there.

The Chimes

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEST INNES AND CHURCH STREETS
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

MARTIN LUTHER STIREWALT, D. D., Pastor
ROB ROY PEERY, A. B., Mus. B., Choirmaster and Organist



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY,
SEPTEMBER 27th, 1931

THE SERVICE WITH DEDICATION OF
"THE LEWIS D. PEELER MEMORIAL CHIMES"

— THE SERVICE —

Chime Prelude, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Beautiful Saviour! King of Creation
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Processional Hymn, 241

The Confession and Absolution

The Introit, pages 150 (Small Book) and 142 (Large Book)

The Kyrie; The Gloria in Excelsis; The Collect

The Lesson, Numbers 10:1-10

The Epistle, Hebrews 4:9-13

The Sentence, "Blessed Be the Lord God" - J. F. Ohl

The Anthem, "O Praise the Lord" - Rob Roy Peery

The Gospel, Matthew 12:1-9

The Apostles' Creed

The Dedication of the Chimes

The Hymn, 294

The Sermon, "Music in Worship"

Organ Offertory, "Melodie in E Flat" - - - Gluck

The Offering

The Dedicatory Prayer

Hymn, 130

The Benediction with Four-fold Amen

Silent Prayer with Chimes

In 1931 a complete set of tower chimes was installed. A bronze tablet in the church narthex reads: "LEWIS D. PEELER memorial chimes are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our husband and father, Lewis D. Peeler. Presented by Mrs. L. D. Peeler, Pauline Peeler Tatum, Clifford A. Peeler, Lewis A. Peeler. September 24, 1931."

The dedication service whose program is reproduced on the previous page, was held on September 27, 1931, with organist Rob Roy Peery playing the chimes.

The set of chimes, or carillon, a tubular set, sixteen tone, could be played automatically by means of a time clock arrangement, or from the console of the mammoth pipe organ, or from a separate keyboard. They were said to be distinctly audible a distance of three miles. The set was one of the finest of this type of chimes made, and it cost approximately \$12,000. The chimes were dedicated as the "Lewis D. Peeler Memorial Chimes," on the Sunday nearest the anniversary of Mr. Peeler's birth.

At the conclusion of the actual dedication the largest bell of the chimes was sounded three times, then all of the bells were sounded in rotation, beginning with the highest in tone and running down the scale to the lowest, ending with the lowest bell being rung seven times.

The chimes replaced the old bell in summoning the members and friends of St. John's to worship. The bell, having been removed from the old church building on North Main Street to the new edifice on West Innes Street when the latter was completed, still hangs in the church tower.

The chimes are now broken, fifty-two years after installation, and although the Lewis Peeler family gave money for repair, the Deagan Company who made the chimes, has gone out of business and no other qualified repairman has yet been located.

Handbells

In January 1962 Mrs. J. L. Fisher gave a set of English handbells to St. John's in memory of her husband. The handbells were two years in the making and arrived in February, 1964. The bells were described in *St. John's Journal*:

The ringing of handbells is an ancient English art, although the use of handbells in this country is a quite recent innovation. The patterns from which our bells are designed date from the early 18th century. The bells are made of English bell metal, a blend of copper and tin. They are very carefully tuned so that only the strike note and one partial tone are prominent. This is quite different from larger tower bells, which have many prominent partials.

The Whitechapel bell foundry, which cast our bells, has been in existence since the early part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth Tudor. Bells cast here which are still in use include bells cast as early as the year 1570. Whitechapel foundry casts bells of all sizes, from the tiniest handbells to bells like the famous Big Ben of Westminster, which weighs over thirteen tons.

Other famous bells cast by this foundry include Great Tom of Oxford, the original Liberty Bell and bells in Christ Church, Philadelphia, St. Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, and Washington Cathedral.

The seventh and eighth graders immediately began work with the bells in February, hoping to perform with them on Easter Day.

In 1979 an octave was added to the Whitechapel handbells in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Fisher by their family. The original bells also had their clappers replaced at that time.

Harpsichord

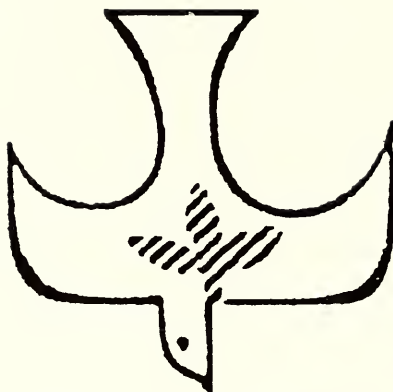
In 1976 Director of Music Karl Kinard and Milton Tallardy built a harpsichord for St. John's congregation from a kit purchased from the Zuchermann Company of New York City. Funds for this venture were provided by gifts to the memorial fund.

Orff Instruments

A set of percussion instruments, for use with the children's choirs, was purchased in November 1979 and was used for the first time on Christmas Eve of that year.

Timpani

Two kettle drums (timpani) were also purchased in November 1979 for use with festival services and concerts.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN SYMBOL

The descending dove of the Lutheran Church Women Symbol is a figure which, since earliest Christian times, has denoted the presence of God's Living Spirit among His people. The dove in flight stands for God in Action. For Lutheran Church Women it also represents the intention, declared in the auxiliary's constitution, to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit to further and support the work of the Church. That Lutheran Church Women also provides opportunity for its members to grow in faith, in fellowship, and in service is shown by the leaves, symbol of growth and renewal.

CHAPTER THREE

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

by Sue Pyatt Peeler

PART I — WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Lutheran women have taken an active part in the mission of the Church since June 13, 1525, when Katherine von Bora married Dr. Martin Luther and became manager of their old-monastery-converted home. But it was early in 1885, 360 years later, when Lutheran women in North Carolina organized for the specific purpose of funding the mission and missions of the Church. At that time, Missionary William P. Swartz, on furlough from the mission field in India, visited the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and stimulated the organization of six Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. [Swartz was the son of Joel W. Swartz, former Tennessee Synod pastor in Shenandoah County, Virginia.] The North Carolina Synod, in 1886, resolved "that we endorse the plans and constitutions used in the organization of Children's Societies and Women's Societies..."

St. John's Society was not one of the original six, but in December 1886, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Charles Banks King, the women were organized into a society after a midweek prayer meeting.

The Rev. King encouraged the small, weak organization during its early struggles. The same officers served for many consecutive years in the same capacity, and the minister (Rev. King) and his wife sometimes comprised the entire membership, according to early records.



Mrs. Charles
Banks King



Pastor Charles
Banks King

The Missionary Society collected regular dues to be used in the support of home and foreign missions and sponsored prayer support for the success of those missions, as in the annual Week of Prayer Observance. The Society also received the "Thank Offering" from members and sent regular contributions to the Synod's treasury in support of world missions. Thank Offering boxes, distributed to members of the Society emphasized this important feature:

A daily gift, a daily prayer,
That soon the world our Christ may share.

The yearly goal for members was 365 pennies in that *daily* thankfulness was stressed. Any church member might give a "thank offering" through the Society for a recovery from a serious illness or a narrow escape from misfortune. Men contributed as well as women.

The Society was an educational instrument through its distribution of publications relevant to foreign missions and its sponsorship of Mission Study Classes as early as 1919. In 1921 the Society produced and presented a pageant. By 1925 it had "adopted" an orphan in the Lutheran orphanage at Salem, Virginia. In the depth of the depression in 1931, it projected a special Prayer Period to be observed every day at high noon.

In 1919 the Society took the innovative step of dividing the membership into groups. They numbered four: North, East, West, and South, coinciding with wards of the city. One set of officers presided over all separate groups. The "group" plan thus began at St. John's and became standard practice in other Lutheran churches as well, reflecting the wide influence exerted by St. John's Society.

The Missionary Society at St. John's has hosted Synodical meetings from time to time. It has sponsored several missionaries: Dr. Gladys Morgan (1935), Miss Catharine Stirewalt (1939), and Rev. and Mrs. Sterling Whitener (1946). In 1972 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freeze were sponsored by the Lutheran Church Women, successor in 1963 to the Women's Missionary Society/Women of the Church.

During the period from 1921 to 1938 the Women's Missionary Society sponsored the "Light Brigade," successor to The Children's Missionary Society. The Light Brigade was composed of "Little Lights," "Lamplighters," and "Torchbearers" who would meet on Sunday afternoons with a member from the sponsor group.

When the Synodical Society celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1935, St. John's was celebrating her 49th anniversary. The *Salisbury Evening Post* reported the occasion on October 3, 1935. Within the following newspaper account of Eva Peeler's history, the italicized entries are those of Mrs. Jacob L. Morgan whose writings in 1947 add items of historical interest. To preserve the essence of time, place, and

personality this chronological history of St. John's Women's Missionary Society is recorded as written with minor editorial changes and additions.

MISSION GROUP CELEBRATES 49th BIRTHDAY HERE

Lutheran Organization Has Fine Record

Organized in 1886 by the late Dr. Charles B. King when he was pastor, the Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Lutheran Church celebrated its 49th birthday recently by a review of the organization and presentation of its history. The Society today [1935] has a membership of 143 persons.

A birthday cake with forty-nine candles were lighted either by former officers of each year of the Society's existence or by some descendant. Mrs. King, widow of Dr. King, was present and lighted the first candle in honor of her husband, recalling that she came here as a bride. She also recalled that Dr. King had written her in Baltimore prior to their marriage about the organization of the Society and later both she and he took much pride and joy in the Society.

The Society has a long record of notable achievement and Miss Eva Peeler compiled a history of the organization which was presented.

The history, divided into the various seven-year periods, follows:

1886-1893

On an evening in December, 1886, after prayer meeting, the pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. C. B. King, suggested that the congregation resolve itself into a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Women's Missionary Society. Rev. King acted as chairman of the meeting.

The election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. R. J. Holmes; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Rendleman, recording secretary, Mrs. R. V. Lanier, treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Heilig. Next meeting was appointed for February, 1897. At this meeting Mrs. Lanier resigned, and Miss Carrie Rendleman was elected as recording secretary. Miss Carrie, therefore, was the first secretary, and is the sole survivor [in 1935] of the February 16, 1887, meeting, where nine ladies were present, and enrolled as members: Mesdames R. J. Holmes, P. N. Heilig, Robert Kizer, H. Bernhardt, R. V. Lanier, Matilda Weber, Lizzie Hodges, D. R. Julian, and Miss Carrie Rendleman. The following names were added at the next meeting: Mesdames J. A. Rendleman, W. Fraley, L. W. Walton, J. Ritchie, Schultz, Seyffrit, C. Bernhardt, Linn, Kestler, Hartman, Misses Annie Holmes, Annie Smithdeal, and Rev. C. B. King.

The Synodical Society was the guest of St. John's on May 1, 2, and 3, 1888. Mrs. P. N. Heilig and Miss Mary Kizer were delegates to this convention. Convention tax, now known as dues or synodical fee, was only five cents per member. *Mrs. Heilig had the distinction of being treasurer of the Synodical Society for sixteen years, 1888-1904, when she resigned and Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, another of St. John's members, became treasurer and served for fifteen years. Mrs. James Steven Brown, then of St. John's, is enrolled as State Treasurer in the Synodical Society's minutes of 1905, but served very briefly, if at all. Mrs. L. W. Walton, another daughter of St. John's Society, was recording secretary of the Synodical Society for six years. She also served as St. John's Society treasurer for fourteen years. St. John's Society also furnished a president of the Synodical Society, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, for years 1925-1928. Mrs. Morgan also served as a member of the Board of the United Society from 1932-1940.*

During the year 1888, Mrs. P. N. Heilig was elected president, and served for nineteen successive years. Other officers were: vice president, Mrs. J. A. Rendleman; recording secretary, Mrs. D. R. Julian; treasurer, Mrs. J. Z. Schultz; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Kizer.

During 1888, the minutes read: "The following is of special note: 'At the regular meeting, the following persons were elected Life Members of the auxiliary: Rev. J. D. Shirey, of Bear Poplar, N. C.; Rev. C. A. Rose, of Zeb, Rowan County; Rev. Chas. B. King, pastor, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C.' "

The minutes of the August 4, 1889, meeting, Rev. King secretary pro tem, carries the following: "New business—On account of the absence of former secretary and general neglect, the minutes of meetings held in May, June and July were never recorded." *No doubt Dr. King, himself, served as secretary pro tem and thus took this liberty of expressing himself.*

On November 28, 1889, Pastor King secured his Queen, Miss Annie Watts of Baltimore, Maryland, and the minutes of December 10, 1889 say: "One new member received, Mrs. C. B. King."

In 1890 Mrs. Julia Johnston was elected recording secretary. During the year \$1.50 was collected, and used to subscribe for some missionary journals. The money raised for the quarter ending December, 1890, was voted to the mission in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Society held its first thank-offering service on Thursday, Nov. 27, 1890. This is the first record of a public meeting. The minutes record, quote: "The ladies performed their several duties before an audience in the church in a pleasing and satisfactory manner." The offering was \$7.15.

In 1891, no elections were recorded, but names of same officers appear on the books. In 1891, the St. John's Society lost its first member

by death, Mrs. Matilda Elizabeth Weber. Suitable resolutions were spread on the pages of the minutes. This was recorded June 10. On June 24, a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions for another faithful worker who had passed on, Mrs. Julia Johnston. Miss Mary Kizer was appointed to fill Mrs. Johnston's unexpired term as recording secretary.

In 1891, the Rev. B. W. Cronk of Bear Poplar was made a Life Member. Also in 1891, the Society made the following six ministers Life Members: S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, E. T. Horn, S. Rothrock, J. B. Davis, and L. K. Propst.

The name of little Mary King, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. King (in 1935, Mrs. Mary King Wallace) appears on the roll of the W. M. S. In 1892 her father thankfully enrolled her as a member at the age of six months.

During the first five years the Society grew in numbers from nine to thirty-seven and by 1893, *St. John's Synodical offering of \$127.54 was more than double given by any other society.*

1893-1900

From 1893 to 1904 no records can be found. Mrs. P. N. Heilig served as president during the time and Mrs. L. W. Walton served as treasurer. Then, as now, the work depended on the "faithful few." Eight and nine seemed to be the usual number attending the first meetings. The streets were not paved, and when the weather was bad, it required courage to venture out. In the face of many handicaps, the women carried on the work, with such a faith and zeal that should inspire our women of today [1935] to do still greater things."

Rev. King always attended and at times, presided over the meetings. Occasionally, he acted as secretary pro tem. At first he always closed the meeting with prayer. Later he suggested the members learn to pray in public. The meetings were opened and closed according to "The Manual"; the manual being in use until only a few years ago.

The treasurer's book records an offering in 1892, from the children, on Luther's day of \$10.78 and at Christmas of \$15.00. These offerings may have been from the children of Sunday School or from an organized children's society. Mrs. A. W. Winecoff did work with the children, many remember.

In 1897 St. John's again entertained the Synodical Society in annual meeting. Records of the Synodical Society for these years show that St. John's Society grew in power and gained in monies and in members. For many years this Society led in amounts contributed to the General Fund.

1900-1907

At the beginning of 1904, where the record is again taken up, we find Mrs. Heilig, president; Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, vice president; and Mrs. L. W. Walton, treasurer. Membership has grown from thirty-seven in 1891 to sixty-seven in 1904.

On April 11, the minutes tell of a week of prayer and self-denial program. Offering for the week was \$22.75. Total receipts for the year: \$95.00. *The Society was very active in making Life Members, which swelled the coffers. In 1904 Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cronk were made Life Members.*

In 1904 the children's society was again organized, possibly by Mrs. A. W. Winecoff. Offering for the year was \$34.00.

In 1905 Mrs. Walton resigned as treasurer after holding the office for fourteen years and Mrs. A. W. Winecoff succeeded her, with Mrs. Salome Wilson becoming recording secretary in the place made vacant by Mrs. Winecoff. Also, in 1905, each of ten members present at a meeting gave ten cents for a Missionary Magazine subscription, which marked a forward step in education.

In 1907, after twenty-one years of use, it was found necessary to revise the constitution, and Mrs. M. M. Kinard, Mrs. Salome Wilson, and Mrs. A. W. Winecoff were appointed a committee charged with this duty. *Also in 1907 the Society gave Missionaries Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown an offering of \$15.00 to purchase silver to take back with them to Japan.*

Mrs. P. N. Heilig resigned as president and *presided for the last time on May 13, 1907.* She was made honorary president for life, and resolutions of love and affection were spread on the minute book. Mrs. M. M. Kinard, wife of Pastor Kinard, was elected to succeed Mrs. Heilig as president.

1907-1914

Mrs. Kinard held office for one year when Mrs. Dan J. Miller succeeded in office, being elected at a "called meeting" in September 1908. Mrs. Miller moved to Florida very soon after her election and meetings of the Society seem to have been few and far between, with apparently no president functioning. In September 1909 Mrs. J. Q. Wertz became president and served at intervals for nine years when she was succeeded by Mrs. J. C. Deaton.

In 1908, a children's society was organized with Mrs. Edgar Johnston as leader; and a parting gift of \$10.00, from the Society, was sent to missionaries Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard as they left for Japan.

Also in 1908, the Society discussed the establishment of a Memorial Page for deceased members, and a fund to be designated "Memorial Fund"

to memories of those passed on. The following year it was definitely decided to do this and in 1910 the first contribution was made to this fund by Mr. C. T. Bernhardt, \$5.00 to the memory of his deceased wife. In November of the same year this same Mr. Caleb T. Bernhardt gave a \$50.00 Thank Offering in thankfulness for his having escaped injury from the explosion of a gas stove in his home. The next reference to this fund is in July 1911: "A Memorial offering of \$1.30 was sent in by little Miss Pauline Peeler and Master Clifford Peeler in memory of their little sister, Mary."

In 1910, St. John's again entertained the Synodical Society, this the third time, in her twenty-fifth convention.

In 1912, St. John's Society was a banner society, contributing the largest amount to the Synodical Society treasury, \$244.00. (She had been "Banner" at different times in earlier years.) In 1913 only five meetings were recorded.

1914-1921

Meetings were held in 1914 and 1915. They were not very well attended but the "faithful few" still carried on. In 1914, Mrs. J. Q. Wertz was still president and Mrs. Mary Peeler was treasurer. Mrs. Wertz served nine years, until 1918, when Mrs. J. C. Deaton was elected. These were "lean" years as far as personal interest and financial results were concerned. Sometimes two and three months passed without meetings, but they still paid dues and managed to keep the organization going.

In 1919, the first mission study class was held [Mrs. Wertz had advocated this] using the book, *The Women Workers of the Orient*. Also in 1919, the Children's Society was reorganized under the leadership of Mrs. W. C. Sifford. Mrs. D. W. Moore was assistant. Up until this time the Children's Society "came and went." Mrs. Winecoff was a leader, also Mrs. Edgar Johnston and Mrs. J. C. Deaton. Interest would wane and the organization would disband. However, it has been [in 1935] a continuous organization since 1919 when Mrs. Sifford organized it.

Great things were happening in the Synod of North Carolina. In 1919 the man who had been "Missionary" of Synod for ten years, Dr. Jacob L. Morgan, was elected as full-time president and began his residence in Salisbury. The president's wife, having had small numbers to work with in mission churches, and seeing the large membership roll and the very small attendance of members at the monthly meetings at St. John's, suggested dividing the Society's membership into groups, not "circles." (Insofar as is known, after investigation, St. John's Society was the very first in all the United Society of the United Lutheran Church

in America to adopt this "group plan.") The division was made to conform to the four wards of the city. The first ward chairmen were: North Ward, Mrs. P. D. Linn; East Ward, Mrs. J. L. Fisher; South Ward, Mrs. J. L. Didier; West Ward, Mrs. A. H. Snider. All these groups were under one set of officers.

The year 1920 is a memorable one in the history of the Society. With the Society divided into four wards, the attendance increased from fifteen to an average attendance at ward meetings of sixty-one, and offerings increased from \$245.46 to \$773.64 in the first year.

1921-1928

Mrs. J. L. Morgan was elected president in 1921. At this time it was decided that all officers, except the treasurer, were eligible to only one re-election.

1921 brings us the first record of an "In Memoriam" made by the Society [rather than by an individual]. *The women of the Society gathered subscriptions to The Lutheran through the congregation, and with the "commission" made Mr. W. L. Sifford an "In Memoriam" member. Mr. Sifford had ever shown a great interest in securing subscriptions to this paper amongst the membership of St. John's. The Society made Mesdames Cox, Fulenwider, and Morgan [each one the wife of a pastor] Life Members.*

In 1921, the Society made its first venture in pageantry, putting on "The Temple of Praise," written by Miss Elda Piero of Canton, Ohio, and directed by the president of the Society. This was the beginning of quite an era of education along this line. Other Thank Offering pageants were shown at different times. The address of Dr. Cox at the close of the Week of Prayer in 1921 with the original poem "If We Prayed" made a deep impression on all.

Mesdames J. L. Morgan, P. S. Carlton, W. C. Sifford, and Leon Sloop guided the destinies of the Society these years [1921-1928], known as the "fat" years, as far as financial results were concerned. Interest was aroused in all departments of the work. Amounts ranging from \$924.98, \$971.50, to \$1,224.40 were raised, this sum being the most any society had raised in one year in the Synodical Society.

In 1924, the Society had the honor and the great privilege of entertaining the Biennial Convention of the United Society in her fourth meeting, but in her third Biennial Convention. Between 400 and 500 delegates, officers, and visitors were in attendance and it was an occasion indelibly impressed on the minds of the Society members. [The convention lasted for four days, October 2-6, 1924. All sessions were held in the "Innes Street School Auditorium," and it overflowed. Delegates from all states and some foreign countries attended. Many delegates were housed by members of the congregation. They seemed

to be especially fond of the history and the old church on North Main Street. One delegate wrote from Pennsylvania, "Am home again, but will never forget that wonderful convention. Am sure there never can be a nicer one...." Apparently the whole congregation—men, women, and children—and the city worked and cooperated to make the meeting a success. Many of the delegates were introduced to "our" barbecue, prepared by the Men's Bible Class. One remark after convention was "The Boy Scouts of St. John's are a brave bunch. They guarded the church every night."]

In 1925 an orphan was adopted at Salem Orphan Home, in Virginia, and she was clothed for some years by the Society. In 1927, an annuity bond was given to Dr. George H. Cox, for which he and Mrs. Cox expressed deep appreciation. In this decade the expense of carrying-on the work of the Light Brigade was assumed by the Society.

1928-1935

In 1928, the Society reached a "peak" in offerings. The amount contributed being \$1,224.00, this was the first time to reach into the thousand column. Mrs. Leon Sloop ushered in this period as president and in 1929 she was succeeded by Mrs. J. L. Fisher, who in turn was followed by Mrs. P. E. Weant, each of whom served for two years. Mrs. Weant was succeeded by Mrs. C. F. Raney who was followed by Mrs. J. L. Morgan for a second period as president.

In 1929, Mrs. John D. Brown replaced Mrs. Mary Peeler as treasurer, Mrs. Peeler having served fourteen years as treasurer and three years as historian.

In 1930, the Synodical Society held its convention with St. John's, July 15-17, this the fourth time, in her Forty-fifth Annual Convention.

At this time it became apparent that the groups had become too large to function as "families." To divide the groups into smaller units became a necessity. The "Ward" system (division as to four wards and a night group) having worked so splendidly, further division was thought best. Accordingly, "Fruit Basket" was resorted to. Seven chairmen were secured and all took turns in drawing names from the "basket." This resulted in "mixing" and in getting better acquainted. Transportation committees conveyed the members to respective meeting places in the homes of the members. With the seven groups there was a total membership of 143.

During the following few years known as the "years of Depression," the offerings of the Society dropped to a very low figure. In 1931 offerings dropped to \$662.11, and the 1934 offering was only \$500.37.

In 1932, the members adopted a "Prayer Period," a minute at noon, "The Meridian Minute With the Master." All of the women of the congregation were asked to join in this time of intercession.

In March, 1935, a reception was given in honor of Dr. Gladys Morgan who sailed for India on April 10. Gladys received many useful gifts, among them an Elgin watch, a gift from the Society as a whole. We are happy to have one of our own members consecrate her life for service in the foreign field. Gladys, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan, is our first missionary.

Miss Eva Peeler ended her historical presentation with the following remarks: "Through years of experience St. John's has come to the period of a well organized society. The several departments are headed by women who have gained knowledge of the work through experience. The changing economic condition of the world brings changes in our church life, but the rays of the torch lighted by those faithful women in 1886 lengthen as the torch grows brighter at home."

The seven ladies, each in a costume of the period, who presented a seven-year segment of the history of St. John's Missionary Society at its 49th birthday celebration were: Mrs. W. H. Hobson (1886-1893), Mrs. Thomas Van Poole (1893-1900), Mrs. John Elliott (1900-1907), Mrs. Leonard Shive (1907-1914), Mrs. W. D. Morgan (1914-1921), Mrs. Clifford Peeler (1921-1928), Mrs. R. S. Brown (1928-1935).

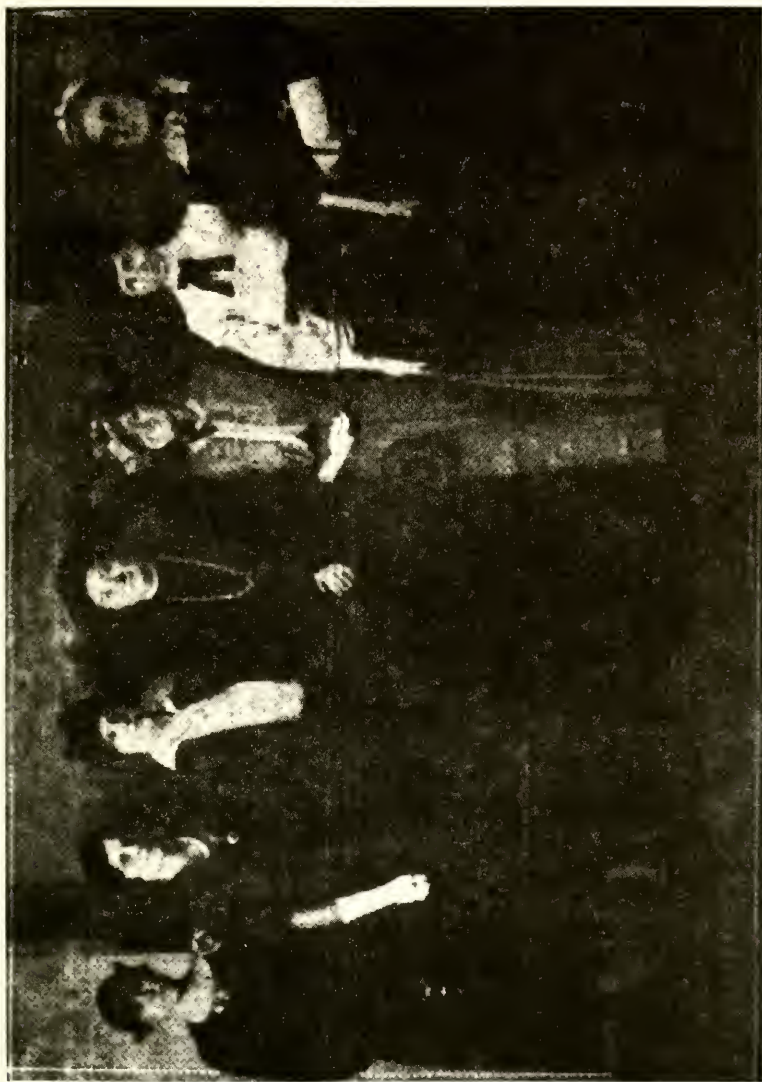
Mrs. Morgan's history of the Society continues: For some reason the records for 1936 and 1937 have been misplaced and no detailed record of events seems available. But minutes of the Synodical Society show that St. John's Society did a very commendable part in the general work. Many loyal workers were "called Home" during these years.

1937-1947

These years being recent in the mind of the membership, we shall not endeavor detailed rehearsal of activity. The period opens with Mrs. C. F. Raney as president for a second term of office. The records show the following succeeding Mrs. Raney: Mrs. J. L. Fisher, second term; Mrs. C. M. Epting; Mrs. P. E. Weant, second term; Mrs. Zeb Morgan; Mrs. J. L. Smith; Mrs. Glenn Ketner, now in her second year. Not all mentioned served two years as they wanted to "divide honors."

The Society showed marked advance during this decade along various lines of activity. Interest in both Home and Foreign work seemed to be increasing interest in "Missions in General." The Society kept in touch with Gladys Morgan on the mission field, often sending gifts which were greatly appreciated.

In 1939, the Society also sponsored another of St. John's members who went as missionary to China, Miss Catharine Stirewalt, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stirewalt. Prior to her leaving for her first term, the Society extended many courtesies and gave many gifts in kind and in monies. And just recently other kindnesses in courtesies



The seven ladies shown above are in costumes of the period. Each presented a seven-year history of the St. John's Women's Missionary society when the organization celebrated its forty-ninth birthday recently. Reading right to left they are: Mrs. W. H. Hobson (1886-1893), Mrs. Thomas Van Poole (1893-1900), Mrs. John Elliot (1900-1907), Mrs. Leonard Shive (1907-1914), Mrs. W. D. Morgan (1914-1921), Mrs. Clifford Peeler (1921-1928), Mrs. R. S. Brown (1928-1935). Picture is from the *Salisbury Evening Post*, October 3, 1935.



Pictured above are Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Mrs. Luther Fisher, Miss Mildred Brown, Mrs. William Griffith, Mrs. Sterling Whitener, and Miss Ella Pinkston at a 1946 social occasion honoring Barbara Brown Whitener, missionary to China.



Women's Missionary Society members attending a social occasion honoring Barbara Brown Whitener as she and her husband, the Reverend Sterling Whitener, prepare to leave for the missionary field in China.

and gifts were accorded and tendered Catharine as she departed for a second term in China.

And we record with joy the going out of another from the Society of St. John's to China, Barbara, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. P. D. Brown. Barbara married the Rev. Sterling Whitener of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and accompanied him to the field of that denomination in China. The Society extended to Barbara and Sterling many favors and recognitions as they left for their field of labor in the fall of 1946.

The Society has shown interest in supporting native workers in India. Mrs. C. F. Raney has been supporting a woman worker in her own right. The Society has kept another. Mrs. Arnold Snider has almost continuously, since 1928, given a full share to the Clara Sullivan Fund [a fund for mission support in China]. Others have at times done likewise for a year or two. The Society gave more than its quota for the India Centennial.

A few years ago the Society adopted the "budget plan" which was proposed by Mrs. P. D. Brown and Mrs. J. L. Smith. It seems to be working satisfactorily.

In 1942, the Society was "banner" in the Synodical Society, contributing \$873.00. In 1943, St. John's Society again was hostess to the Synodical Society, this the fifth time in the years.

In 1945, the Society reached the fourth column in dollars with \$1,179.00 to its credit, this its second time to reach the "fourth dimension"! In 1946, the total in contributions was \$1,507.32, and in 1947, the grand total of \$1,848.00 is registered. The contributions through the years have reached over \$26,000.00, making an average of \$400.00, and over, annually for sixty or more years.

In Home Mission work in the North Carolina Synod, the Society has shown a very great interest, and the fact that the congregation has adopted the missionary at Hamlet, Rev. Rufus Cuthbertson, to the amount of \$1,000.00 annually, arouses the greater interest in the members of the Society.

Also, the pledging of \$1,200.00 annually to the support of Catharine Stirewalt by the congregation, has had a splendid "reflex" on the Society. The forward look is to the "Unified Program." [In 1948 the Women's Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Young Women's Auxiliary at St. John's, united to form St. John's segment of the Women of the Church, United Lutheran Church in America. In 1962/63, with another merger forming the Lutheran Church in America, Women of the Church became Lutheran Church Women.]

In concluding this portion of the history of St. John's Women's work, Mrs. J. L. Morgan challenged the organization:

And now let us close with the beautiful lines of our sainted Dr. George Cox whose wife's name was removed from our roll to that of the "Roll Up Yonder" on the twenty-ninth of October 1946. And in that spirit may we go forward to greater heights! With our enrolled membership of 185 what may be the record of the future six decades of the Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury, North Carolina!!!

IF WE PRAYED

by George H. Cox, D.D.

From His presence none could drive us,
In His heart He would abide us,
Nothing ever could divide us,
If we prayed.

Doubts and fears could not distress us,
Toils and labors not oppress us,
And temptations ne'er possess us,
If we prayed.

Faith and courage would not leave us,
Grief and sorrow not bereave us,
Satan's snares could ne'er deceive us,
If we prayed.

Hope and joy would always charm us,
Storms and strife could ne'er alarm us,
Sin and death could never harm us,
If we prayed.

Trusting then in God above us,
And in Christ, the Son, who loves us,
That our life itself may prove us,
Let us pray.

PART II — THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Prior to 1948, three women's societies functioned at St. John's. Among these was a group called the Ladies' Aid Society. This Society is not to be confused with the Missionary Society, although both functioned simultaneously; the Ladies' Aid was not connected with the Synod. Its primary aim was to respond to the needs of the local congregation while the Missionary Society directed its efforts toward home and foreign missionary activity. The third organization was known as the Young Women's Auxiliary to the Ladies' Aid Society.

The precise date of the founding of the organization is not known but the Ladies' Aid was referred to in a 1909 publication of the *Rowan County Lutheran* newspaper, so it was already functioning at that time and is thought to be the successor of an organization reported in the *Carolina Watchman* on December 15, 1871:

Benevolent Association

A number of ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church of this place met yesterday afternoon and formed themselves into a Benevolent Association. The organization having been fully effected—a President, Secretary, and Treasurer were elected. The object of this society is to relieve the distressed—in a word, "to do good." It will be known by the name of "St John's Benevolent Association."

In 1913 the Ladies' Aid Society met to adopt a constitution, doubtless a revision of an earlier document. By 1922 it was meeting regularly on a monthly basis, having 109 members enrolled. The meetings were held, perhaps alternately, at the church and in private homes of members.

Some projects of the Ladies' Aid were related to the projects of the Missionary Society and were supported by both groups. The Ladies' Aid contributed to the support of an orphan; and frequently made contributions to missionaries sent from St. John's. The general range of projects for the group covered many aspects of local need. The financial reports of the group show expenditures for flowers, cards or gifts to the sick and shut-in, soap and cleaning supplies, gifts to ministers, candles, clothing for the Lutheran Orphan's Home at Salem, Virginia, and support to missionaries. Funds were raised by sponsoring suppers and sales, and by contributions from individual donors.

Membership ranged from 120 members in 1923 to 149 in 1947. In 1938, the membership was 125. Members gained were offset by those moving away or those lost by death.

The Ladies' Aid purchased equipment for the kitchen, the pastor's study, or the parsonage. A sample year, 1936, shows the Ladies' Aid

involved in planting shrubbery, donating "tray cloths" to Rowan Hospital while carrying its usual miscellaneous items of flowers and cards and soap and candles. It also sent a donation to a school in India and gave a personal gift to assist a faithful worker in medical expenses. The group that year also gave two hundred dollars toward paying the church's debt.

In 1941 the Society took on the responsibility of providing and maintaining choir robes for the Junior Choir, a continuing responsibility as entries show that robes had to be cleaned and counted for special occasions such as Easter and Christmas.

The industry of this dedicated army of women can be visualized through a summary of the activities of the Ladies' Aid Society, prepared in July 1949, and co-authored by Mrs. J. Lewis Smith and Mrs. P. E. Weant.

The earliest record we have of the Ladies' Aid Society is of a regular meeting of the Society on May 5, 1913. The only business recorded is the adoption of the constitution. Members of the constitution committee were Mrs. M. M. Kinard, Mrs. F. B. Miller, and Mrs. J. D. Heilig. The constitution was signed by Mrs. J. D. Heilig, presumably the president, and Mrs. W. F. Rattz, secretary.

1922-1923

The next authentic record we have is March 1922. The year ran from March to February. There were twelve regular meetings and one call meeting during the year. Six of these were held in the Primary Department of the church and seven in the homes. There was an average attendance of thirty-two. The largest attendance was at the September meeting when fifty-five were present. This meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Fulenwider. The membership at the beginning of the year was 109. Eighteen new members were enrolled, five withdrew, four moved away, and one withdrew by request. One member was deceased, Mrs. H. E. Withers. The total membership at the end of the year was 120, a net gain of eleven.

During the year the Society gave a reception for Mrs. Catherine Didier, a former president who moved to Charlotte. It entertained the Rowan Ministerial Association at supper, and the Lutheran teachers in the city schools were guests of the Society during one of the social meetings. The Society gave one salad supper, one Father-Son supper, and one apron sale. During the summer, talent money was made which amounted to forty-seven dollars and eighty cents. The Society finished paying for the Building and Loan shares and paid five dollars per month on the interest on the new church property, gave a rug toward the furnishings of the parsonage, and remembered the soldiers at Oteen with gifts at Christmas.

Officers were Mrs. A. G. Peeler, president; Mrs. A. G. Chase, vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Van Poole, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Fisher, treasurer.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$86.24. \$371.86 was taken in during the year making a total of \$458.10; \$218.31 was disbursed leaving a balance of \$239.79.

1923-1924

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. John's Lutheran Church held twelve regular meetings ending with the February meeting and two call meetings, nine being held at the church and five in the homes. The average attendance was thirty-four. The largest attendance was at the November meeting with forty-eight present.

At the beginning of the year the membership was 120. Twenty members were enrolled during the year, five withdrew, three by request, one moved away, and one of the oldest members, Mrs. Rebecca Richwine was removed by death. The total membership at the end of the year was 135, a net gain of fifteen members.

The Society gave a reception at the parsonage for Sister Agnes Kuhlman, Dr. and Mrs. George H. Cox, and the Lutheran teachers in the city schools. The Society gave one salad dinner and supper, one white sale, one apron sale, three cake sales, and one Father-Son supper. The Aid Society supported one orphan in the Near East for one year, contributed \$25 to the European Relief, and sent to Oteen \$5.00 at Easter for flowers, \$5.00 in July for a watermelon feast, and \$10.00 for a box at Christmas.

Ten shares of Building and Loan were bought; \$75 was paid for Deaconess' room. The Aid replaced a comb and brush set in the pastor's study. Twelve dozen forks, knives, and spoons, and two dozen table-spoons were added to the Ladies' Aid Society silver.

The secretary wrote 115 letters to sick members of the church. Congratulations of births and notes of condolence were sent.

Meetings were unusually interesting and the attendance increased.

The officers for 1923-1924 were Mrs. Thomas B. Van Poole, president; Mrs. W. C. Sifford, vice-president; Mrs. E. W. G. Huffman, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Fisher, treasurer.

The treasurer reported a balance from last year of \$239.79. During the year \$515.51 was received making a total of \$755.30. Disbursements amounted to \$686.87 leaving a balance of \$68.43.

1924-1925

Twelve regular meetings were held with splendid attendance and interesting programs. The average attendance was forty-nine, and the largest attendance was at the May meeting with seventy-five present. Eleven new members were enrolled, four withdrew by request, and one

beloved member, Mrs. W. F. Snider, was lost by death. The total membership at the end of the year was 133.

During the Missionary Convention in October the Society gave a beautiful reception to delegates and visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heilig. In November the Society entertained the Lutheran teachers in the city schools in the home of Mrs. C. W. Isenhour.

The Society raised money for the handsome bulletin board in front of the church [on North Main Street], \$138.25. Two suppers, a Father-Son and Mother-Daughter, were held in November and proved successful financially and socially. Contributions were made to Oteen hospital, five dollars to a watermelon feast and ten dollars for Christmas boxes. Contributions of 170 cups, 150 large plates, 225 small plates, and fifteen dozen glasses were added to the Ladies' Aid china at a cost of \$74.25. The secretary wrote 120 letters to the sick, congratulations of births, and notes of sympathy.

The officers for the year were Mrs. J. L. Fisher, president; Mrs. W. C. Sifford, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Hobson, secretary; Mrs. A. G. Peeler, treasurer.

Records for 1925-1935 were not available.

1936

The officers in 1936 were Mrs. Leonard Shive, president; Mrs. Paul Lentz, vice-president; Mrs. John Bernhardt, recording secretary; Mrs. L. G. Goodman, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Hobson, corresponding secretary.

During that year there were twelve regular monthly meetings held, with an average attendance of forty-three. Two new members were added to the roll and four withdrawals to join the Young Women's Auxiliary. There were two deceased members during the year. The total membership enrolled after a revision was 112.

The Society made a donation to the Kodaikanal School in India. Also ten dollars was contributed for treatments for Miss Eva Peeler. Two hundred dollars was turned over to the church treasurer to be applied to the church debt.

The Society had shrubs on the church lot attended to. It donated one dollar per month to the milk fund at the A. T. Allen Elementary School and the same amount to the Henderson Elementary School.

Tray cloths were given to Rowan Memorial Hospital. New utensils were purchased for the kitchen and the sexton's room was supplied with the necessary things for cleaning.

The flower committee functioned throughout the year, flowers and cards being sent to members who were ill or bereaved. Fruit and flowers were sent to the shut-ins.

Balance in the treasury December 1935 was \$217.50. Receipts for the year were \$550.36, making a total of \$767.86. During the year a total of 330.97 was disbursed leaving a balance of \$436.89.

1937

The officers elected for 1937 were Mrs. Jacob Miller, president; Mrs. C. H. Kluttz, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Lentz, recording secretary; Mrs. L. G. Goodman, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Hobson, corresponding secretary.

Twelve meetings were held and there was a total of 118 on roll. The average attendance was thirty-nine. Two new members were added and four were withdrawn by request and one by death.

The flower committee functioned. Cards were sent to the sick. The sexton was kept in supplies and shrubbery was attended to.

In January 1937 there was a balance of \$436.89 in the treasury. The receipts for the year totaled \$629.90. \$24.95 was disbursed. The balance on hand at the end of the year was \$604.95.

1938

The officers for 1938 were the same as 1937. Twelve meetings were held and the total membership was 125. Six members were lost for various reasons, one by death. The average attendance was fifty-five. Seven members did not miss a meeting and twenty did not attend at all.

The flower committee functioned. The corresponding secretary sent fifty-seven cards to the sick and bereaved. The sexton's needs were supplied. The Society bought a set of new altar cloths and a rail for the front of the church at a cost of \$186.53. Mrs. Plaster was given subscriptions to the *Salisbury Evening Post*.

The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$604.95. During the year \$399.88 was received making a total of \$1,004.83. Disbursements totaled \$562.25 leaving a balance on hand at the close of the year of \$442.58.

1939

The officers for 1939 were Mrs. Jacob Miller, president; Mrs. C. H. Kluttz, vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Sifford, recording secretary; Mrs. L. G. Goodman, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Hobson, corresponding secretary.

Twelve meetings were held with an average attendance of fifty-three. Enrollment was 130 with six new members added.

Various committees were faithful in performance of their obligations. The corresponding secretary reported an average of five cards sent each month.

Dr. and Mrs. P. D. Brown were welcomed at the June meeting. Dr. Brown led the devotions. A social hour was held especially to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Brown, and on June twenty-second the Society sponsored a formal reception for the new pastor and family.

Some of the outstanding accomplishments were painting of the church parlor, purchase of a chest for keeping altar hangings, purchase of several sets of altar hangings, rug, curtains, and shades for the pastor's office, also rug for the secretary's office, assisted Snider Bible Class in informal reception for Miss Stirewalt, supplied candles for altar, supplied cleaning articles for the sexton. All meetings were well attended.

The balance in January 1939 was \$442.58. During the year \$300.25 was received making a total of \$743.33. Disbursements were \$475.17 leaving a balance of \$267.66.

1940

The officers who served for 1940 were Mrs. Jacob Miller, president; Mrs. W. C. Sifford, vice-president; Mrs. L. G. Goodman, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Hobson, recording secretary. Twelve meetings were held with an average attendance of fifty-three. The total enrollment was 134. Seven new members were added and five names were removed. There were no deaths.

The corresponding secretary sent an average of six cards per month. The Society furnished clothing and assisted the children of Mrs. Joe Frick for entrance in the Orphan Home at Salem, Virginia. It also had the chairs in the Ladies' Parlor repaired. Several dinners were served in February to the Episcopal Auxiliary. A robe was purchased for the assistant pastor, and fifty dollars was given for Senior Choir robes. The Society served a Brotherhood banquet in November and also assumed the expense of candlelight service at Christmas. The Society paid for part of the Young People's Choir robes.

Shut-ins were remembered with gifts at Christmas. Birthday members were hostesses at the meetings which were both interesting and helpful.

The total receipts for the year were \$808.04. Disbursements totaled \$273.11, leaving a balance on hand of \$534.93.

1941

The following officers were elected for the year 1941: president, Mrs. Kerr Mowery; vice-president, Mrs. T. C. Adams; recording secretary, Mrs. Lewis Sloop; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Petrea; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry Hobson.

Twelve meetings were held with an average attendance of fifty-two. The enrollment was 126. Two members were lost by death and five

names were removed. The corresponding secretary sent twelve cards per month and twelve at Easter. The visiting committee reported 500 visits.

The Society purchased a new electric stove, china, and silver for the kitchen. A part payment was made toward Junior Choir robes. Five orphans were remembered and also shut-ins at Christmas. The Society served a Luther League banquet in December and sponsored the candlelight service. Birthday members served as hostesses at meetings.

The total receipts for the year were \$913.71. Disbursements were \$559.10, leaving a balance of \$354.61.

1942

The following officers served for 1942: president, Mrs. Kerr Mowery; vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Sifford; recording secretary, Mrs. L. E. Sloop; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Petrea; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry Hobson.

Twelve meetings were held and the average attendance was forty-six. The enrollment for the year was 129. Five new members were added, one was lost by death, Mrs. Lena Lagall.

The corresponding secretary sent 162 notes and 1,000 visits were made to the sick. A \$100 war bond was purchased.

The shrubbery was trimmed in the spring, kitchen cabinets were overhauled and painted. The boys in the service were remembered at Easter and Christmas. The Lutheran students at Catawba College were entertained twice during the year. Eight orphans were remembered on their birthdays and at Christmas. Approximately 550 were served at a Brotherhood banquet in November. A service flag was purchased and venetian blinds for the pastor's office. Shut-ins were remembered at Christmas.

The birthday members served as hostesses at the regular monthly meetings.

Total receipts amounted to \$930.96 and \$553.14 was disbursed making a balance of \$354.61.

1943

For the year 1943 Mrs. P. E. Weant was elected president; Mrs. L. G. Goodman, vice-president; Mrs. L. V. Fisher, recording secretary; Mrs. Thelma Shive, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Hobson, corresponding secretary.

Twelve meetings were held with very good attendance. One member, Mrs. U. Ray Miller, passed away. Luncheons were served during the meeting of the Synod in February. New choir robes were bought for the Junior Choir. The Society supervised the decorating of the church

for Easter by the Young Ladies' Auxiliary. Easter greetings were sent to boys in the service. A donation of \$5.00 was given to the Red Cross. Refreshments were served each day during Bible School. Coffee was furnished and served for the Missionary Conference luncheon in April. Altar flowers were given one Sunday each month in honor of the service men. Approximately 500 were served for the Missionary Convention. A donation of fifty dollars was paid for shades and blinds at the Seminary. A new surplice was bought for the pastor. Three \$100 [defense] bonds were purchased and given to the church debt fund. A gift of \$100 was given for Christmas "boxes" for church members in the armed services. Covers were made for the flags by Mrs. A. E. Reynolds. A committee served refreshments at the close of the Leadership Training School. Decorations for Christmas were paid for. Gifts were sent to the children in the Orphan Home. The sick and shut-ins were remembered at Christmas.

The treasurer's book showed a balance at the close of the year of \$259.69.

1944

All officers were re-elected for the year 1944. Twelve meetings were held with an average attendance of forty. Several new members were enrolled.

Flowers were furnished for the altar for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, also once each month for church members in the armed services. A donation of ten dollars was given to the Red Cross. Greetings were sent to the sick and shut-ins at Easter and gifts at Christmas. A gift of 275 pounds of used clothing was sent to European relief. Members who had passed their eightieth birthday were sent remembrances. The ladies served refreshments during the Vacation Bible School and at the close of the Leadership Training School. This was no expense to the Society.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted as follows:

Article VI. Disbursements of Money, be changed to read: All money expended must in some way be for the benefit of the objectives of the Society.

Article VII. On Election be changed to read: No officer, *except the treasurer*, shall be eligible to succeed herself for more than two consecutive years.

Article IX. Quorum, be changed to read: Twenty members, who are communicant members of St. John's congregation, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Approximately 618 were served at a banquet for the State Brotherhood in November. A donation of \$100 was given for Christmas boxes for members in the armed services.

1945

Officers elected for 1945 were president, Mrs. Harold Mowery; vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Winecoff; recording secretary, Mrs. T. H. Rhodes; treasurer, Mrs. Thelma Shive; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Somers.

Eleven meetings were held, one cancelled on account of inclement weather. The enrollment was 145 and the average attendance thirty-three. One new member was added and three were lost by death and one by transfer of residence. The corresponding secretary sent twenty-nine notes and 1,307 visits were made to the sick.

The Society purchased additional dishes and table cloths. A donation of fifty dollars was given for Intermediate Choir vestments. A banquet and luncheon were served to the Baptist Training Union, also a supper to the ushers.

The sick and shut-ins were remembered at Christmas and Easter. Flowers were bought for the altar each month, and special decorations at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The birthdays of members eighty years and over were remembered.

1946

Twelve meetings were held in 1946 with an average attendance of thirty-five. The officers who served were Mrs. Harold Mowery, president; Mrs. R. L. Winecoff, vice-president; Mrs. T. H. Rhodes, recording secretary; and Mrs. L. J. Jarrett, treasurer.

During the year two members were lost by death and two by change of residence. Three new members were enrolled.

A storage cabinet was purchased for kitchen utensils. The Society assisted the Luther League in redecorating the church parlor. A box of used clothing was contributed to Crossnore School after that institution suffered through a disastrous fire. A check was given to Barbara and Sterling Whitener, missionaries to China. Flowers were furnished monthly for the altar with the usual special decoration for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter.

The Society served two Luther League banquets and a banquet for the officers and teachers of Sunday School.

Greetings and tokens were sent to shut-ins at Easter and Christmas and notes of cheer to the sick. Floral tributes were sent to the bereaved. Birthday remembrances were sent to members who had passed

their eightieth birthday. Approximately 1,815 visits were made during the year.

1947

The Ladies' Aid Society held ten regular meetings, one executive committee meeting and one call meeting during the year. No meetings were held in July and August. Sixteen new members were enrolled during the year. The membership at the end of the year was 149 and the average attendance was fifty-four.

An electric stove was bought for the kitchen. Banquets were served to the Luther League and the Brotherhood Conventions, about 600 being served each time. The Aid Society, Snider Memorial Class, and the Annie Fink Bible Class cooperated in serving luncheons to members attending Synod in April. A luncheon was served to the Presbyterian ladies on the first of May. A banquet was served to the Missionary Society in September.

A new feature, attractive year books, were given each member of the Society. New paraments were purchased with the help of the Snider Memorial Class and the Annie Fink Bible Class.

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at the May meeting. Older ladies of the congregation were guests at this meeting.

New table cloths and water glasses were purchased, also additional silver, sufficient to serve 600. The Altar Flower Fund was established deriving its funds from the Aid Society, Young Women's Auxiliary, and organized Bible Classes, and from any other organization or individual desiring to contribute to it. These funds are to be used for flowers for regular church services only. Mrs. Adam Walser was appointed treasurer of this fund.

Greetings and remembrances were sent to shut-ins at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas and notes of cheer were sent to members who were ill. Members who had passed their eightieth birthday received remembrances. The officers for 1947 were Mrs. George Peeler, president; Mrs. T. H. Rhodes, vice-president; Mrs. P. E. Weant, secretary; and Mrs. L. J. Jarrett, treasurer.

1948

There were five meetings held in 1948, the last being the May meeting at which time a covered dish supper was enjoyed in the Adult Sunday School Room. Mrs. W. L. Ross was chairman of arrangements for this meeting. Mrs. George Peeler presided over all the meetings. Mrs. Adam Walser, in behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, presented Mrs. George Peeler a life membership in the Women's Missionary Society.

At the April meeting the Society voted unanimously, after several months of consideration, to merge with the Women's Missionary Society and the Young Ladies' Auxiliary to form the new organization, the Women of the Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society had set as their goal replenishing the kitchen with table cloths, dishes, and silver until sufficient numbers had been acquired to serve 600 people. That goal was reached and articles listed in the last secretary's book.

A motion was made and carried at the May meeting that the president appoint a committee to work with Mr. Livengood and the property committee to have the altar and chancel furnishings which were taken from the main auditorium, remodeled and placed in the Adult Sunday School Room. Mrs. P. E. Weant as chairman, Mrs. W. H. Hobson, Mrs. H. C. Beaver, Mrs. C. L. Stoner, and Mrs. Nellie Mahaley Boyd constituted the committee. This was the last project of the Ladies' Aid Society before the Society merged with the other women's organizations in the church. Mr. Harry Livengood gave freely of his time and service to supervise the work. New marble was put on the pulpit, the floor repaired, and the pulpit supplied with casters. A complete curtain to close off the altar during banquets and secular functions was installed. Mr. C. E. Weinbrunn designed and painted the chancel wall and ceiling, using a pattern made up of symbols of the cross and the fleur-de-lis. The brass lectern and altar cross and vases were carefully polished by Mr. Livengood.

The Ladies' Aid Society held four one-hundred dollar defense bonds to be turned over to the Women of the Church to be placed in the local treasury to be used for local work only. The cost of this final project was \$266.51. The balance in the treasury was to be used for painting the kitchen.

Thus closes the history of the Ladies' Aid Society which through its many years of existence contributed so nobly and generously of time, talent, and means in building a bigger St. John's and in furthering Christ's Kingdom in the world.

PART III — THE YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The third organization which functioned as a separate society having an exclusively female membership was called the Young Women's Auxiliary. This body was open to members "over twenty years old." The Church Council had endorsed the formation of a Young Women's Auxiliary to the Ladies' Aid Society to encourage benevolent work by the younger women. The Auxiliary was organized in June 1935. Its objectives were declared in a constitution which was drafted in 1940:

1. To further the Church's activities by active participation in its functions.
2. To assist the Ladies' Aid Society in any of its work in any way possible to do.
3. To carry on any separate projects in St. John's that are deemed advisable.

The Young Women's Auxiliary made significant contributions to the work of the church under those guidelines. One of their early projects was the improvement of the decor in the Ladies' Parlor. In 1941 they voted to sponsor a nursery during church hours for babies under three years old. Later, a nursery was set up during their monthly meetings, at 3:30 on Monday afternoon, in order to "improve attendance." They sponsored a Sunday night service annually when the Auxiliary was permitted to keep the loose offerings to supplement their treasury.

Other examples of the Young Women's Auxiliary projects are the following: In 1941 the members of the Auxiliary prepared forty overseas boxes, sponsored a needlework guild, and sent Christmas boxes to all boys in service from St. John's; in 1944 they sent two Girl Scouts and one Brownie to camp; in 1947 they sponsored a covered-dish supper for Scouts.

There is on record the "transfer of three members to the Young Women's Auxiliary from the Ladies' Aid Society," suggesting that membership was voluntary and interchangeable if not concurrent in all the Women's organizations. Meetings allowed a social period and refreshments were served. (There is an entry in minutes to the effect that during Lent refreshments were sacrificed.)

The earliest minutes on record in St. John's Archives for the Young Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Lutheran Church began in September 1940. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Kesler, with Mrs. Heywood Miller and Mrs. J. B. Pridgen associate hostesses. The meeting was "on the third Monday instead of the regular time—the fourth Monday." Mrs. Nell L. Isenhour recorded the minutes of the meeting. The "new membership committee" appointed at that meeting was Mrs. Gregory Peeler, chairman; Mrs. Charles Heilig; and Mrs.

Anthony English. Mrs. Clifford Peeler was president of the Auxiliary and Mrs. James D. Heilig, Jr., was treasurer.

The Membership roll for 1941-42 contained the following names: Mrs. Tom Borland, Mrs. B. K. Barringer, Mrs. Nell Boyd, Mrs. Marvin Cauble, Mrs. John R. Crawford, Mrs. Chapman Crawford, Mrs. De Monte Cress, Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Mrs. John Elliott, Mrs. Anthony English, Mrs. Fritz Glover, Mrs. Ree Goodman, Mrs. George Griffin, Mrs. Charles Heilig, Mrs. James Heilig, Jr., Mrs. Pitts Hudson, Mrs. John Isenhour, Mrs. W. B. Kesler, Mrs. Irvin Lampert, Miss Elizabeth Leonard, Mrs. Heywood Miller, Mrs. Luther Miller, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, Mrs. Gregory Peeler, Mrs. J. B. Pridgen, Mrs. Odell Sapp, Mrs. Walter L. Tatum, Mrs. Earle Kluttz, Dr. Gladys M. Happer, and Mrs. Leake Bernhardt.

Additional names on the various membership rolls were: for 1942-43, Mrs. George Busby, Mrs. Howard Cline, Mrs. Glenn Hartsell, Mrs. C. E. Kneeburg, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. Charles Wallace, Mrs. James Krider, Miss Helen Julian, Mrs. J. R. Chambers, Mrs. Glenn Ketner, and Mrs. J. T. Kindley; for 1944, Mrs. John Sheehan and Mrs. Baxter Mowery; for 1946-47, Mrs. Roy D. Beaver, Mrs. C. W. Isenhour, Jr., Mrs. Marius Goodnight, Mrs. Phillip Sowers, and Mrs. Lloyd Troxler; and the last recorded list before the 1948 merger included the additional names of Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. Harold Minges, Mrs. Paul Reynolds, Mrs. Lewis Peeler, Mrs. Arnold Snider, Mrs. Voigt Cromer, Mrs. Reginald Ballard, and Mrs. R. W. Setzer.

PART IV — WOMEN OF THE CHURCH *LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN*

Women of the Church

In July 1948 the three women's organizations of St. John's (the Women's Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Young Women's Auxiliary to the Ladies' Aid Society) merged to form the Women of the Church.* According to a newspaper account of the first meeting, the new organization numbered three hundred women and hoped to include those others in the church who had not belonged to any of the three parent groups. Treasuries were merged into a common fund and the group plan adopted for meetings. The groups met on a monthly basis with quarterly meetings scheduled at the church, including all separate groups. The fiscal year became the statistical accounting period for the new group.

The new women's organization continued the projects of the earlier societies. The Women of the Church continued to support foreign, state,

* See Appendix B for Women of the Church, 1948-49, structure and membership.

and local missions, sponsor the Girl Scout program, visit the sick, send flowers to the sick, furnish flowers for the altar, care for choir robes, and send contributions to the Convention. The collection of Thank Offerings, solicitation of pledges from members, and gifts for life memberships would finance the work.

A proposed budget suggested expenses as designated on a percentage basis (prepared by the 1946 Convention of the Women's Missionary Society). The apportionments were as follows:

10% Synodical Budget	18% Home Missions in State
27% General Fund	3% Patron and Protege
7% Life Memberships	18% Congregational Work
6% Social Missions in State	11% Incidentals

In 1948 St. John's Women's annual report showed a total of \$1,339.43 in contributions from three hundred members. The president in 1948-49 was Mrs. W. L. Tatum. The following comprised the committee on arrangements which accomplished the merger: Mrs. J. Lewis Smith, Mrs. A. F. Walser, Mrs. P. D. Brown, Mrs. Ervin Lampert, Mrs. George C. Peeler, Mrs. Walter Low Tatum, Mrs. George Griffin, Mrs. Glenn E. Ketner, Mrs. J. L. Fisher.

The annual report of the Women of the Church, almost a decade later, 1957, showed that membership had remained at close to 300 with 306 members enrolled. These made 1136 visits to the sick and contributed \$4,129.28. In 1962, 259 members made 954 visits and contributed \$4,073.28.

The following lists some of the projects supported by the organization in the early fifties. This information was compiled by Mrs. E. W. (Adelaide) Shuping and was filed in the church archives regarding Women of the Church.

In March, 1949, the "Modernizing of the Kitchen" project was started. Blueprints and plans of new equipment were discussed. In June, Church Council agreed to give \$500.00 toward this work. The repair work to be spread over a period of two years. A \$1000.00 refrigerator was donated. In March 1950, Mrs. Carl Julian was appointed chairman of the kitchen. On November 5, 1950, a Thank Offering Program was given by the Women of the Church at 7:30 in the evening. In March 1950, proposed amendments were discussed with the decision to recommend a change in the constitution and by-laws of the Women of the Church.

In December 1950, it was decided by the Women of the Church to give sixteen shares at \$25.00 a share to be used for work on a building at Lutheridge, over a period of two years.

Also in December 1950, Mrs. Sterling Whitener gave a program on the work that she and her husband, the Rev. Sterling Whitener, did in Chinese Mission work. At a quarterly meeting of the Women of the



Women of the Church honored the "Golden Age Club" (Church members over eighty years of age). The group pictured above was photographed on Mother's Day in May 1951. Front row: Mrs. W. L. Miller (grandmother of Robert Miller), Mrs. L. F. Mahaley (mother of Minnie Mahaley and Teresa Tear), Mrs. George W. Mowery, Mrs. J. R. Nicholas (mother of Mrs. Leake Bernhardt), Mrs. C. F. Reiser (mother of Charles Reiser), Mrs. Mary Peeler (mother of Abbie Peeler), Mrs. R. B. Brittain (mother of Mrs. H. N. Fairley). Back row: Mrs. L. D. Peeler (mother of Pauline Tatam and Clifford and Lewis Peeler), Mr. H. C. Lentz (father of B. K. Lentz, Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Mary Julian Lentz), Mr. J. D. Brown (father of Kenneth, Staley and Olney Brown). Mrs. J. W. C. Kluttz was absent when the picture was made.

Church on December 11, 1950, it was decided to send \$25.00 to a rest home in Germany which is doing most effective work there.

In February 1951, it was voted to spend between \$300 and \$400 on folding tables and a hand truck. A new communion veil was purchased at a cost of about \$20.00 by the Women of the Church, in June 1951. Also at the same time the Women of the Church decided to purchase and sell, without profit, two gross of Wedgewood commemorative plates, the design of the plate was to be made from an etching of the church. The approximate cost of the plates was from \$16.25 to \$18.50 a dozen; the etching cost about \$150.00, and gifts of the plate were to be made to the invalid and elderly members of the church.

A Mr. Green of the Yadkin Finishing Company gave 100 yards of cloth in September 1951 for the primary department, with the Women of the Church to pay to have the thirty-five robes made. The executive committee was opposed to paying to have the robes made when volunteers could do the work. On December 14, 1951, the executive committee voted to save coupons from several products for the Children's Home. In September 1951 Miss Clara Sullivan was guest of honor at the Yadkin Hotel and spoke about her work as a missionary in China. She also spoke to the Women of the Church in January 1953. In September 1952 Betty S. Lentz was reelected recording secretary at the sixty-seventh annual convention of the Women of the Church, North Carolina Synod.

It was also noted in the Women of the Church records that the Rev. Pleasant David Brown, A.B., B.D., M.S., D.D., age sixty-five, died August 3, 1952. He served St. John's Lutheran Church from 1939 to 1952.

By 1955, during the presidency of Mrs. Adam Walser, the Women of the Church adopted the support program for the bereaved which is still in effect at St. John's: "In the event of a death in the immediate family of a member of the Women of the Church, the group of that member will prepare and serve a meal." In addition, the Women provide a meal to the bereaved family of any deceased member of the congregation. Also recorded in that year's December minutes was another revealing entry: "Dr. Cora Gray gave a report on families in need of food and will see that they are taken care of for Christmas." [Dr. Gray was a professor at Catawba College and a member of St. John's.]

The December 1955 records stated that "India is the largest mission field for the Women of the Church, Japan being the second largest." The work of the Needlework Guild was still part of the Women's program. In March of the following year, 1956, a gift to the Girl Scouts was recorded. Plans were made for the annual Week of Prayer observance. In the same year, the resignation of Anne Hamilton, who had kept the church nursery during church hours, was submitted and regretfully accepted by the Women. Mrs. Hamilton, whose efforts were

recognized and praised by the Women of the Church, was succeeded by Mrs. Norman Temple. Support for the Southern Seminary Auxiliary was urged with membership being offered to all for one dollar per year. A special Seminary chairman accepted these contributions from the ladies.

In April of 1956 at a call meeting, the executive board decided against membership in a United Council of Church Women involving city-wide membership. They made plans to participate in the universal World Day of Prayer. The new budget (adopted in 1956 for the following year) was to divide contributions with 70% designated for missions and 30% to be retained "for our own use." June was the month that the Quarterly Meeting recognized new Life Members, and lengthy lists of new Life Members were published. A Life Member could be anyone—a relative, spouse of a member, or a friend could be so honored.

In September 1956 the Ladies Parlor was redecorated and the Women of the Church committee responsible for this project made a new rule that no eating was to be done in the newly-decorated room. At the conclusion of Quarterly Meetings held in this room, refreshments were served from tables in the Sunday School room. The Women of the Church distributed up-to-date shut-in lists to members and the title of the mission study that year was "Mission Field U. S. A." Elizabeth Huddle, a missionary to Japan, visited and presented programs which were described as very interesting and informative. A constitution was adopted in 1956.



Miss Elizabeth
C. Huddle

Requirements for membership under the new document were attendance at meetings, prayer, study, service, and offerings. In 1956 a committee was set up to consider the hiring of a hostess for the kitchen at the church. A rule was made to drop members from the roll after two years of inactive participation.

The projects of the Women of the Church continued in 1957 to support the Seminary Auxiliary and the Convention held at Lenoir Rhyne annually. Local disbursements included furnishings for the Conference Room, an altar flower fund, and support for Girl Scouts. In September of 1957, Mrs. Sterling Whitener visited with the Women of the Church, reporting on four and a half years in China as a missionary. The same month saw the loss of fifteen inactive members and the addition of twelve new members. That year's records mentioned a "Golden Age Club"—members of St. John's who were over eighty and these were to be recognized on their birthdays by some small token gift.



Pictured above is Group F of the United Lutheran Church Women whose members are 100% in Life Membership. The Leader is Mrs. J. L. Fisher. From left to right they are: First row: Mrs. R. L. Winecoff, Mrs. Jacob Miller, Mrs. C. L. Stoner, Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Mrs. Ervin Lampert, Mrs. C. E. Weinbrunn, Mrs. R. L. Rankin and Mrs. Kerr Mowery. Second row: Mrs. Ellis W. Fisher, Mrs. R. B. Miller, Jr., Mrs. H. C. Stout, Mrs. Frank Cline, Mrs. Carl Julian, Mrs. V. P. Lentz, Mrs. S. A. Kesler, Mrs. Harry Arey, Mrs. Charles H. Kluttz, Jr., and Mrs. George Griffin. Members not pictured are Mrs. J. D. Brown and Mrs. T. H. Jackson. One former member, Mrs. Charles H. Kluttz, Sr., is deceased. (*St. John's Journal*, May 1958.)

The list of officers for 1957 were as follows: president, Mrs. Burton Beaver; vice-presidents: 1. Mrs. Gregory Peeler, 2. Mrs. Ellis Wood Fisher, 3. Mrs. Lloyd Troxler, 4. Mrs. J. D. Cress; recording secretary, Mrs. L. G. Goodman; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Max Busby; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Marius Goodnight; assistant corresponding secretary, Elizabeth Leonard; treasurer, Norma Ludwig; assistant treasurer, Mrs. John Plyler.

Women of the Church officers in 1958 were as follows: Mrs. Gregory Peeler, president; Mrs. Lloyd Troxler, vice-president; Mrs. Max Busby, recording secretary; Mrs. Paul Carter, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Miller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Brady, assistant corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. R. Withers, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Willie Shaver, assistant treasurer; Mrs. J. Max Henderlite, statistical secretary; Mrs. J. H. Krider, Jr., membership secretary; Mrs. John Ellis Smith, Jr., educational secretary; Mrs. J. D. Cress, Christian action secretary; and Mrs. Frank Efird, offering secretary.

(Space does not permit the inclusion of all complete slates of officers who served ably and sacrificially to carry on the work of the Women of the Church. A few of the earlier ones are noted in order to show the central organizational structure. The role of the group chairmen who worked with the individual groups cannot be over-emphasized. It is not possible to construct from existing records a complete roster of all officers.)

In 1958 Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg visited the St. John's Women of the Church and presented a program on Lutheridge. At an executive meeting of the same year a list of members who had been active in the organization for fifty years included these names: Mrs. P. D. Linn, Mrs. L. D. Peeler, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mrs. D. L. Cauble, Mrs. L. V. Fisher, Mrs. J. A. Kern, and Mrs. Ellen Fraley.

The "kitchen hostess," proposed earlier, was a fact in 1958 when records show that "Mrs. Carson Stoner and Mrs. Annie Kluttz have complete charge of kitchen equipment and must be consulted if it is to be borrowed by anyone." A complete set of rules pertaining to the kitchen had been drawn up by the Women of the Church earlier. In September of the same year St. John's pastor Dr. Frank K. Efird showed slides of his European trip to 175 members and guests.

In August of 1959 a new rule pertinent to the dropping of inactive members was announced: these could be dropped after only one year of non-participation. Actually, this rule has never been too strictly applied, but it came from the higher organization of the Convention.

In September of 1959 the Rev. and Mrs. George Phillips, missionaries who had served five years in India, visited St. John's. The December meeting that year found the Women of the Church sending Christmas presents to Elizabeth Huddle and Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan. A

designated sum of money was paid to Dr. Cora Gray for a "therapy program at the Lowman Home" [a home for the aged in South Carolina to which Dr. Gray had retired].

In early 1960 the Seminary Appeal was reported to have "produced the best response ever." The decision was made to give up the social feature of the March meeting in respect to Lenten observance. In June 1960 Mrs. J. Max Henderlite assumed the presidency of the organization. Mrs. Robert Miller served as vice-president.

In June of 1960 the Barbara Whitener group was reported to be "100% in membership." This must have meant that there were no inactive names assigned to that group. The Women of the Church took on several new projects that year. They provided the following: layettes for babies in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Middle East; clothing kits for Palestinian refugees in the Middle East; used Christmas cards (saved by members) for use by missionaries; coupons for the Children's Home of Salem, Virginia; aid to the Lowman Home; flowers for altar vases; improvement to grounds—general clean-up; car pool to bring handicapped to church services; and a welcome to church visitors.

In March of 1961 a plan was announced to sell Christmas cards "with a picture of our church" on a non-profit basis. A decision was made to send memorials to the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Hickory, rather than flowers to the bereaved families of members.

In June of 1961 group leaders were urged to have twelve programs during the year. If meetings were skipped in July and August, the programs were to be made up in other meetings on the regular schedule.

Mrs. John Robert Crawford served as president in 1962 with Mrs. Ellis Wood Fisher as vice-president. A budget of \$3,900 was adopted. These funds were to be raised from individual pledges, special gifts, and quarterly offerings. Of this total, \$2600 was to go to synodical headquarters, \$950 was set aside for local work, and \$350 for the magazine *Lutheran Women*, to be sent to members. Funds to headquarters were for the support of "all projects set up heretofore for state, national, or international work." Local funds covered incidental expenses, guest speakers, delegates to the convention, mission study, printing, supplies, refreshments for quarterly meetings, and all other expenses of Women of the Church locally incurred.

Lutheran Church Women

The executive board of the Women of the Church considered the approaching merger of four Lutheran Church bodies, projected for January 1963 in its March 1962 meeting. Only a few small changes in the constitution were anticipated. The merger resulted in the Women of St. John's becoming part of the Lutheran Church Women in America.

It is of interest to note that missionary emphases changed after the 1963 merger. For example: missionary support became governed by church-wide boards—not individual women's groups; many overseas channels for work (and giving) began closing; and missionary activities went in new directions, often in cooperation with other groups and denominations. Far more areas of the world are being reached in 1983 through these cooperative (and ecumenical, in some cases) operations.

The annual report of St. John's Women of the Church in June 1962 had showed a total of \$4,198.29 in receipts from members. In 1963 the annual report was dated December fifteenth, indicating a shift from the fiscal accounting year to the calendar year for defining operations to conform with the Lutheran Church Women, Lutheran Church in America. The year's annual receipts were listed at \$3,398.27. The reduced amount of income may reflect that that "year" was only from June to December in order to institute the change, as the following year reported an increased amount, \$4,307.85 in total receipts. In 1964 the group made synodical contributions of \$2,839.23. It supported North Carolina Lutheran Homes, the Lowman Home, two foreign missionaries (Mrs. Barbara Whitener and Miss Elizabeth Huddle) with gifts of \$25 and \$50 respectively. It sent magazines to members, furnished flowers and gifts, sent delegates to the Convention, and spent \$90.47 for program materials, supplies, refreshments, and other miscellaneous items.

In the year 1965, 257 members made 3,158 visits to the sick and raised \$3,917.80 for the various projects of the LCW. Most disbursements went for local works, flowers and gifts, North Carolina Lutheran Homes, magazines, and synodical apportionments. Two years later, in 1967, the annual report showed 257 members contributing \$4,371.81 and making 3,284 visits. By 1969 membership had dropped to 221 members. Contributions that year were \$3,505.57. By June of 1970, this membership had dropped further to 206 members. Membership continued to decline in the mid-seventies. 1974 figures showed 165 members making 2,151 visits and contributing \$3,441.15. By the end of the decade, membership climbed a little, reaching 190 in 1978. Declining membership in the sixties and seventies reflected more women working outside their homes with changing interests and priorities. Contributions remained high, reflecting the effects of inflation during these years.

Throughout the period, the earlier traditions of service were maintained by the women's organization. Projects undertaken by the women included hospitality to Lutheran students at Catawba College, annual Bible studies for members, collecting relief materials for migrant workers, sewing for the needlework guild, contributing goods and time to the clothing closet of Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry, sewing blankets for Lutheran World Relief, furnishing attendants for the church

nursery, sponsoring socials for the Golden Age group (Church members over eighty years old), and sponsoring covered dish suppers for all church groups. LCW members aided in the kitchen during congregational meals.

The women of St. John's have joined in ecumenical activities with women of other Salisbury churches in special religious observances, such as the World Day of Prayer, as well as with groups for community service, such as the Needlework Guild.

On September 19, 1969, when the Salisbury-Rowan Unit of Church Women United was organized, St. John's Women became a charter group in the new organization, furnishing leadership and funding. Mrs. George R. Whittecar was the first vice-president (later president) and Mrs. Max Henderlite, Mrs. George Busby, and Mrs. Clifford Peeler were early officers and representatives.

Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement of church women, witnessing to unity and faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study, action, and celebration. Organized nationally in 1941 and officially designated as United States Sponsor of World Day of Prayer, it was recognized by the Lutheran Church in America and promoted by Lutheran Church Women throughout the synodical units.

Three major meetings, or celebrations, were held during the year at various churches on the first Fridays of March, May, and November. These were: *World Day of Prayer* (sharing in a world-wide prayer circle with women in 150 countries and islands), *May Fellowship Day* (emphasizing community interests and needs), and *World Community Day* (considering global responsibilities).

In 1979 the goals of the Lutheran Church Women were stated as relative to a list of six major functions: accepting and witnessing to the Gospel, nurture of Christian faith, self-identity and interpersonal relationships, Christian faith related to human needs, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and administrative support for involvement in mission.

A list of leaders in St. John's LCW during the 1960's and 1970's are as follows:

	Presidents	Vice-presidents
1960-62	Mrs. J. Max Henderlite	Mrs. Robert Miller
1963-64	Mrs. John Robert Crawford	Mrs. Ellis Wood Fisher
1965-66	Mrs. Burt Harris	Mrs. George Busby
		Mrs. Paul Carter
1967-68	Mrs. George Busby	Mrs. Paul Carter
		Mrs. George Whittecar
1969-70	Mrs. Robert Loeblein	Miss Janice Raney
		Mrs. Odell Sapp
1971-72	Mrs. Harry Lee Corriher	Mrs. Joe I. Sims

1973-74	Miss Katie Misenheimer	Mrs. R. Douglas Fritz
1975-76	Mrs. Clifford Peeler	Mrs. Burt Harris
1977-78	Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr.	Mrs. Edward Long
1979	Mrs. Karl Kinard, Jr.	Mrs. Larry Britt

By 1980 the LCW counted 169 members. Program topics centered on foreign missions and relevant domestic issues. The first meeting was assigned the program topic, "Faith at Work: Lutherans in Chile." Subsequent topics inquired, "Mom why don't you LISTEN?" or "I'm Forgiveness... then why do I feel so Guilty?" Leaders attended a retreat at Lutheridge and a Fellowship Meeting was scheduled at St. David's in Kannapolis. The topic for the World Day of Prayer was "The Earth is the Lord's."

By 1980 many of the groups had moved away from home meetings and met jointly at the church library. Some groups were scheduled for mornings and others for evenings. Hostesses shared responsibility for refreshments.

In 1980, a needlework project was completed by a group of St. John's members which was not the exclusive project of the LCW, but since it involved the work of twenty-six St. John's women it must be noted. Twenty-seven people participated in creating this project over a three year period. Chapel kneelers were created, along with appropriate kneelers and chair cushions for the sanctuary. The Needlepoint Workers were: Margaret Borland, Nancy Bowden, Jane Britt, Dot Busby, Dr. George Busby, Lydia Donnelly, Brenda Goodman, Katherine Goodman, Caroline Hampton, Frances Hampton, Joan Harris, Patti Heilig, Carolyn Hood, Betty Scott Lentz, Carol Rabon, Margaret Roseman, Peggy Rouzer, Eleanor Sifford, Evelyen Smith, Kay Smith, Fran Tannehill, Frances Lynne Tatum, Nelle Troxler, Nancy Upchurch, Phoebe Webber, Merrea Weinhold, and Carrie Mae Wood. The pieces were upholstered by Loeblein Brothers.

Mrs. Berta Allen Summerell, a former Salisburian then residing in Raleigh, was the person engaged to design the needlework embodying the symbols of the Church. The needlework group contributed greatly to the beauty of the Church.

In the early eighties a new annual event was begun. The custom of a Grandmother-Mother-Daughter Banquet allowed several generations of St. John's women the opportunity to share fellowship and to honor each other at a covered-dish dinner.

In 1983, the purposes and goals stated in 1979 and modified only slightly at intervals since, were still the official statement of direction for the Women of the Church. Individual groups assumed responsibility for hostessing quarterly meetings, furnishing altar flowers, and all groups continued visiting the sick. Shut-ins were remembered at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas in some special way. The nursery was still the

responsibility of the LCW and the Lutheran Home was an area of service for the local groups.

The budget in 1981-82 apportioned 70% of offerings to the General Fund and 30% to local needs.

In 1983-84 seven groups made up the unit. Of these, only one group still met in the homes of members. The others met at the Church. These meetings were scheduled with some groups in mornings, some afternoons, others in the evening. Membership has not significantly increased in the 1980's. Groups alternated in responsibilities for hostessing the joint meetings each quarter, arranging altar flowers, and preparing meals for bereaved families when deaths occurred.

Officers for the 1980's were as follows:

	Presidents	Vice-presidents
1980	Mrs. Sonja Kinard	Mrs. Mary Ann Nelson
1981	Mrs. Ellen Trexler	Mrs. Mary Ann Nelson
1982	Mrs. Ellen Trexler	Mrs. Mary Ann Nelson
1983	Mrs. Ruth Whittecar	Mrs. Janie Allen

It is not possible for statistics or recorded events to tell the full story of an organization like the Lutheran Church Women. There are so many people who have contributed so much of themselves through the years in service to the Church through this channel, it is impossible to mention their efforts or even assess fully their unique contributions. Membership has always meant responsibility. Members have sacrificed time and effort over and over again.

There were members who telephoned others to remind them of meetings. Group chairmen had to be a liaison for members—between them and the central organization. The monthly letter sent by the president to each chairman communicated eloquently the needs and aims as they emerged. Many members had to provide for spouses and children at home as they prepared for the covered-dish supper or the meal to be sent to the bereaved.

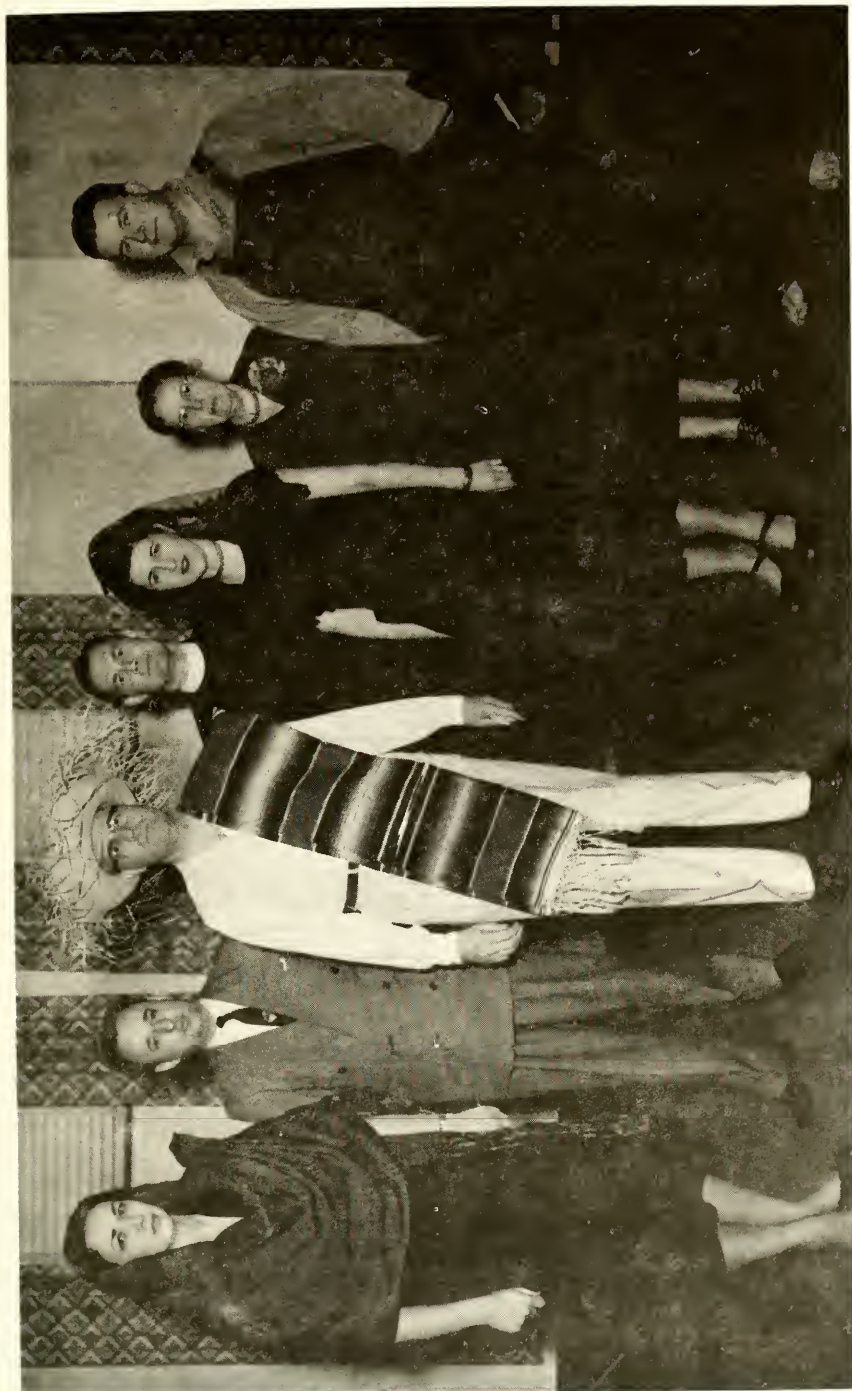
Many programs were beautifully and painstakingly planned, using posters or films to clarify and develop the theme. Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, was celebrated annually by the women of St. John's. At their meeting nearest to the day of Pentecost in the church calendar the women had a special program recognizing the gift of the Holy Spirit and their responsibility to share this gift.

Refreshments were provided and the social interchange which followed the business portion of the meeting allowed people to become better acquainted and often crossed the gulf between young and old. Some women formed the habit of riding together to group meetings and so had to belong to the same unit to be active in participation.

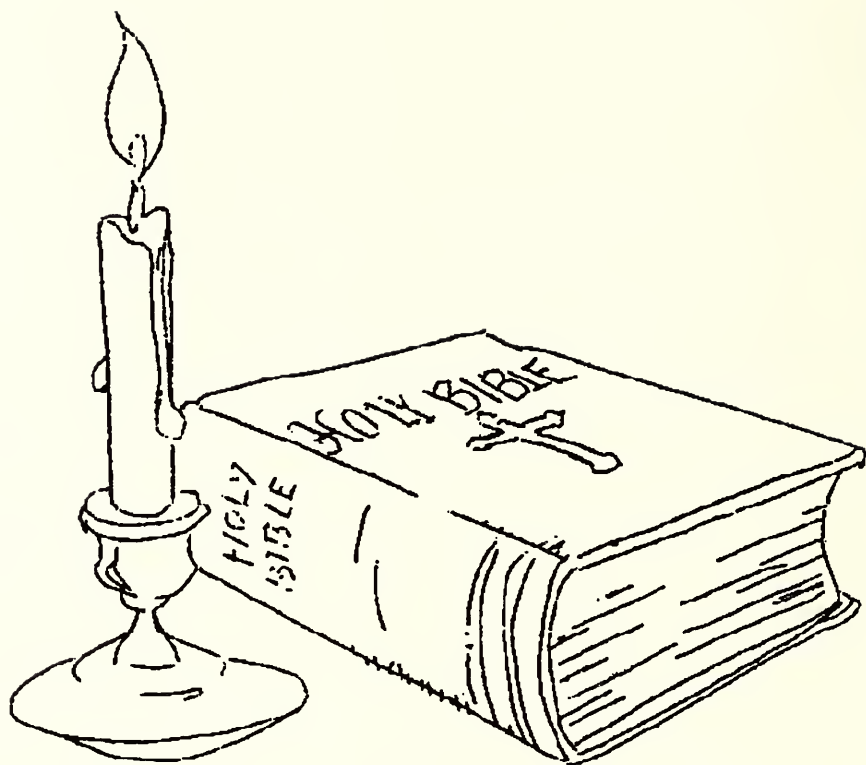
There were treks to outlying Lutheran Churches in the County when meetings were held jointly; others to conferences and conventions. It was understood that being President of LCW was a very tough job. It was also demanding to be a group chairman.

Women contributed three offerings: one to a loose offering of coins for incidental expenses, one to give a pledged amount, and one as the Thank Offering collected each quarter. Through the generosity of LCW members, St. John's Women have raised a respectable budget through the years.

In all these ways then—service, dedication, loyalty, and strength—the Lutheran Church Women will continue to serve the Church in the future.



Mission Study Program, Women of the Church, 1954. Mrs. Floyd (Juanita) Williams, Mr. Robert Carmichael, Mr. Floyd Williams, Pastor Frank K. Efrd, Mrs. H. E. Withers, Jr., Dr. Cora Gray, and Mr. Frank Barger.



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house."

Matthew 5:14,15

*Sketch copied from The League Speaks
Hugh Conrad Petrea, Art Editor
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CHAPTER FOUR

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. JOHN'S, SALISBURY

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Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz in his *Lutheran Church in American History* notes that the spirit of the times influences congregations. In the period from 1870 to 1910 the United States entered upon four decades of phenomenal economic and population growth. The population multiplied by two and a half times, and the wealth of the country multiplied by ten. The expansion of railroads opened up new lands, new businesses, and new communities. Business expansion and new business opportunities were the spirit of the times. The spirit of new opportunity for church people was seen in the missionary movement. Not only missionary agents had been sent into the western areas of this country, but also individuals had been called and sent to India and Japan.

In this spirit women's groups, young people's societies, and the men of the church formed their organizations so that missionaries might be sent abroad and new congregations formed at home.

Although pastors of the North Carolina Synod had functioned as missionaries in their roles as itinerant pastors from Synod's beginning in 1803, involvement of the laymen in support of missions was recognized a hundred years later. The North Carolina Lutheran Synod history notes that at the Synod's Centennial Convention in 1903 at St. John's, Salisbury, the matter of a Synodical Field Missionary was referred to the Executive Committee which duly recommended in 1904 "to place a synodical missionary in the field at an early date." The recommendation was adopted but without any financial provisions. Later on, at that session, with a motion to reconsider approved, layman J. H. Rehder of St. Paul's, Wilmington, proposed that he would be willing to work to raise \$1,000 for the salary if a roll call of the churches could determine how much would be pledged. In the roll call, \$720 was pledged. Among the committee of laymen who volunteered to raise the remainder of \$280 was W. F. Snider of St. John's. The pastor who was called as synodical field missionary in 1904 was the Rev. Edward Fulenwider, who later was called as pastor to St. John's congregation, 1920-1930. Although synodical field missionaries were important, it was laymen who initiated a new era in Home Mission work in North Carolina.

Lay persons didn't wait for the various Lutheran bodies to get together and form missionary agencies. Women, youth, and men formed their own groups, including Lutherans of all churches, each adopting an area of missionary concern most congenial to them and their abilities. They adopted the "business" end of the church in terms of better stewardship and the starting of new congregations with financial help in their early years. The fellowship grew as they focused on their mission opportunity. They helped the various Lutheran bodies to forget past sectarian differences and to think about uniting for the sake of the church's mission.

Men had already been very active in St. John's on the church council and in the Men's Bible Class but, as far as can be ascertained, there was no special group of men called a Brotherhood until 1913. In prior years, men were involved in such projects as building the house of worship of the congregation and conducting stewardship campaigns. In May 1912, the Council appointed chairmen from their membership to be responsible for various wards of the city in the solicitation of funds. The list included: South Ward—W. L. Sifford; North Ward—T. E. Johnston; West Ward—R. B. Brittain; and East Ward—A. G. Peeler. It is significant that three types of funds were solicited. One called *Current* was for the local church's expenses in salary and building maintenance. One called *Home*, "home causes, synod apportionment," was for the support of new congregations and the office expenses of the Synod president who, until 1919, served as pastor of a congregation in addition to his presidency. The third fund was called *Foreign Missions*.

The story of the Lutheran Brotherhood at St. John's is unique because there were two organizations known in North Carolina as the Lutheran Brotherhood. The first one began at St. John's in 1913 when St. John's and the North Carolina Synod were part of the United Synod in the South. The second one was adopted by the United Lutheran

Church in America by way of the General Synod at the time of the merger of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South to form the U.L.C.A. in 1918.

The first Brotherhood was identified when on November 4, 1913, the *Salisbury Evening Post* reported an address before the Lutheran Brotherhood of St. John's Church, delivered by Professor G. F. McAllister of Mt. Pleasant. In his opening statement he commended the zeal of St. John's Brotherhood "for the advancement of the interest of the church." He continued, "I always have a feeling of satisfaction when worshipping in St. John's, for the traditions and



Professor G. H.
McAllister

historical associations which cluster around this church form a rich heritage prized by every member of the North Carolina Synod. It is peculiarly fitting that this congregation should be a pioneer in the organization of a Lutheran Brotherhood for the awakening of a more active interest in the work of the church and the propagation of the faith which is our chief asset and peculiar characteristic."

Professor McAllister recognized the present era of "awakening conscience, broader visions, and a more adequate response to the needs of the church in order that it may fulfill its mission of saving a world! Witness the Laymen's Missionary Movement; the Men and Religion Forward Movement; the introduction of system and business methods in the management of the affairs of the church, the organization of the Lutheran Brotherhood, if you please, in this congregation. Never before in the history of the church was there ever such general and united effort for the universal spread of the kingdom of Christ. . . ."

Toward the end of his address Professor McAllister identified the stimulus to form the Lutheran Brotherhood:

Thanks be to the greatest movement of modern times, the Laymen's Movement, this type of Christian is being awaked, and his awakening will redound the glory of God and the world-wide advancement of His Kingdom.

No single agency has contributed so much to the general awakening and progress in the United Synod in the South as the General Secretary of our Laymen's Movement [Rev. Dr. Eli Calvin Cronk]. It has been his visit [to] scores of our congregations and assist[ance] in introducing adequate business methods in matters of finance; his vigorous appeals in behalf of Missions and his inspiring messages have worked veritable transformation in many a congregation. Education, organization, and inspiration is the process by which more than one congregation practically dead, so far as anything more than mere existence was concerned, has been brought to new life. Evidences of this new life are seen not only in increased activity and liberality for local or home causes, but in the interest that is being manifested and the contributions that are being made to carry the Gospel and plant the church among the heathen. More than one pastor who thought it impossible or failed to see how it was to be done has gladly acknowledged the efficiency of our General Secretary's method.

Others are asking him to come to their assistance, and thus the good work will go on, if he is kept in the field. Here is a leaven that will leaven the whole lump—will work a wonderful development in the entire United Synod in the South; and effort expended here will multiply itself many fold

throughout our church. What better or more far-reaching enterprise can our local organizations, such as this Brotherhood, agree liberally to support than this very movement—the Laymen's Movement which is so energetically and faithfully guided by our General Secretary?

The story of how the Lutheran Brotherhood in North Carolina originated in Salisbury actually begins in 1806 at a "Haystack Prayer Meeting." Mr. J. Campbell White, General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, told of the sequence of events that took place between 1806 and a meeting in 1912—the first great Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention in the South—held in a theater in Salisbury February 7-9, 1912. Mr. White's report on "The Genesis and Significance of the Laymen's Missionary Movement" was published in the *Salisbury Post* on Friday, February 2, a week before the actual meeting.

One hundred years ago at the famous Haystack Prayer Meeting the first organized foreign missionary work in North America was inaugurated. A small group of college students at Williamstown, Mass., voiced the keynote of the new enterprise in the now historic phrase, "We can do it if we will."

During the last twenty years the missionary spirit has had a marvelous development among the colleges of the United States and Canada. The Student Volunteer Movement, born at Northfield [Massachusetts] in 1886, has swept through the colleges with its inspiring watchcry, "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," familiarizing students with world conditions and leading thousands of strong men and women to live a dominating missionary life purpose....

Every four years there is a great convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, bringing together some thousands of the students of North America to consider the progress of the kingdom throughout the world. One of these conventions was held at Nashville, in February-March, 1906. It was at this convention that the seed thought of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was planted by the Spirit in the mind of a young business man of the City of Washington. As he saw over three thousand students considering for several days their relation to the evangelization of the world, this thought came to him—if the laymen of North America could see the world as these students are seeing it, they would rise up in their strength and provide all the funds needed for the enterprise.

The providential opportunity for testing this idea came a few months later. The one hundredth anniversary of the

Haystack Prayer Meeting was to be celebrated in New York City by a series of interdenominational missionary meetings. It was arranged that one of these meetings would be for laymen and should take the form of a prayer meeting. This meeting was held on November 15, 1906, in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The afternoon was very stormy and only about seventy-five laymen were present. Mr. Samuel B. Capen, of Boston, presided. It was really a prayer meeting most of the time from 8 to 6 p.m. being spent in actual prayer. After an intermission of an hour for supper the meeting continued in the evening consisting mainly of discussion as to what practical steps should be taken. Out of the discussion a series of resolutions was adopted calling into existence the Laymen's Missionary Movement....

The Movement itself has no organization apart from a General Committee which meets twice a year, and an Executive Committee of twenty-one members, which meets every month. Five Secretaries give their whole time to the work of the general Movement.

At least twelve denominational Laymen's Missionary Movements have already been organized. As a rule, these follow the practice of the general Movement and consist merely of a series of committees. Ten Secretaries of denominational Movements have now been secured, and others are about to be appointed.

As the Movement is "an inspiration, not an administration," it has been chiefly occupied with the presentation of an adequate missionary policy to influential groups of men, and also with the exploitation of methods of missionary finance, which have produced the best results. The Movement stands for investigation, agitation, and organization; the investigation by laymen of missionary condition; the agitation by laymen of adequate missionary policy; and the organization of laymen to co-operate with the ministers and Missionary Boards in enlisting the whole Church in its supreme work of saving the world....

This first great Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention itself was referred to in the 1912 North Carolina Synod Minutes as "perhaps the most pretentious and successful meeting of the kind as yet undertaken by the Lutheran Church in the South." The executive committee of the Southern Lutheran Church was listed as George B. Cromer, LL.D., Chairman, Newberry, S. C.; O. B. Mayer, M. D., Newberry S. C.; J. E. Cooper, Winchester, Va.; C. M. Efird, Lexington, S. C.; J. H. Rehder, Wilmington, N. C.; W. P. Houseal, Rec. Sec.,

Columbia, S. C.; and Kenneth Baker, Treasurer, Greenwood, S. C. The Convention Headquarters listed E. C. Cronk, Executive Secretary, Salisbury, N. C. and W. F. Snider, treasurer, Salisbury, N. C. The convention committee consisted of executive: Dr. M. M. Kinard, W. F. Snider, R. B. Brittain, R. Linn Bernhardt, and James L. Fisher; publicity: C. N. Brown, A. L. Smoot, Frank B. Irvin, O. W. Spencer, and A. W. Hicks; deputation: R. G. Kizer, E. H. Miller, John L. Rendleman, and W. L. Sifferd; registration: W. T. Busby, Stahle Linn, Walter F. Ratts, and Marvin Snider; entertainment: James D. Heilig, A. H. Snider, T. B. Brown, Paul H. Bernhardt, C. M. Miller, and George W. Wright; auditorium: Dr. M. M. Kinard, W. M. Cook, and Luther A. Raney.

The delegates and speakers were welcomed to Salisbury by Mayor Francis Marion Thompson, a member of St. John's; by the *Salisbury Post*; by Dr. Kinard in his positions as pastor of St. John's, president of the Lutheran Pastor's Association of Rowan County, president of the North Carolina Synod, and chairman of the local executive committee for the convention; and by the governor of North Carolina, Mr. W. W. Kitchin.

Speakers for the Convention were Dr. George B. Cromer, chairman of the Executive Committee, topic "Laymen and the World's Evangelization"; Mr. J. Campbell White from New York, General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, topics "Enlisting the Whole Church in Missionary Activity" and "The On-Going Kingdom and It's Challenge to Men"; Mr. Robert E. Speer from New York, orator, author of missionary literature, and secretary, Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., topics "The Present Day Call of [newspaper torn]" and "The Power and Responsibility of Our Resources"; Rev. Robert C. Holland, D.D., from Salem, Virginia, spokesman for the United Synod of the South and president, Board of Foreign Missions, topic "A Policy Adequate to the Work"; Hon. Kenneth Baker of Greenwood, S. C., member of the Executive Committee, topic "The Strategic Importance of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Lutheran Church in the South"; Prof. M. L. Stirewalt from Hickory, topic "The Importance of Mission Study in the Curriculum of the Christian College"; Rev. Charles P. McLaughlin from Concord, active pastor and home mission worker, topic "The Church the Force: The World the Field"; Rev. Dr. R. L. Patterson from Charlotte, president of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, topic "America for the World's Sake"; Rev. Isaac Cannady from Gunter, India, missionary to India, topic to be announced; Rev. W. H. Greever from Columbia, S. C., editor of the *Lutheran Church-Visitor*, topic "A Motive Strong Enough to Hold Us to the Work"; Dr. W. A. Granville from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, president of Pennsylvania College, "a man who moves men," and formerly "one of the most influential pro-

fessors in the Yale Scientific School," topic "Every Man a Place in God's Program for the World"; Mr. J. Murakami from Kumamoto, Japan, who brought a message from Japan spoken through Mr. A. J. Stirewalt as interpreter; Rev. Dr. Charles L. Fry from Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, topic "Uniting the Lutheran Forces of America for World Evangelization"; Mr. A. H. Kohn from Columbia, S. C., topic "The Responsibility of the Lutheran Church to the Unchurched Masses of America"; Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., from Baltimore, Maryland, former missionary to India for twenty-five years and secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod, topics "The Pivotal Man" and "The Present Attitude and the Future Prospect of the New India"; Mr. W. E. Doughty from New York, educational secretary of the National Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, and editor of *Man and Missions*, topic "Prayer a Primary and Central Missionary Force"; Prof. B. E. Copenhaver from Marion, Virginia, one of the gifted young laymen of the Church, topic "The Present Day Condition of the World Field a Challenge to the Church"; Mr. W. C. Stoever, Litt.D., from Philadelphia, president of the Luther League of America in the North, topic "Strengthening the Home Base for Advance in the Foreign Field"; President R. L. Fritz of Lenoir College, Hickory, "who is making splendid use of the missionary opportunity afforded by the Christian college as a training ground for missionary workers," topic "Significance of the Convention"; Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D.D. from Columbia, S. C., seminary professor and father of a missionary, topic "The Will of Christ for the World"; Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., from Mansfield, Ohio, "one of the greatest pulpit orators in the Lutheran Church" and author of the *Way Made Plain*, *The Eternal Epistle*, the *Great Gospel*, and other books, topic "Inspiration for Conquest"; Rev. E. T. Horn from Philadelphia, the first Lutheran pastor in the United States to occupy a chair of missions in a theological seminary, and delegate to the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, topic "The Missionary Atmosphere of the Theological Seminary"; Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, of Kumamoto, missionary to Japan, who "has almost completed the work of securing \$25,000 for the mission school at Kumamoto," topics "The Edinburgh Conference" and "The Urgency of the Present Situation in Japan"; Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., from Philadelphia, "one of the greatest theologians of the Lutheran Church in America" and dean of Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, topic "The Lutheran Faith and World Evangelization"; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., from Atlanta, Georgia, pastor of a home mission church, topic "The Reflex Influence of Missions"; President J. Henry Harms from Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., a well known speaker and lecturer, topic "The Supreme Opportunity of This Generation"; and Rev. Dr. C. A. Freed from Columbia, S. C., "the only

man in the United Synod of the South to attend the Men's National Missionary Congress in Chicago," topic "A Report of the Chicago Meeting."

Seven Minute Addresses were to be given by President C. B. King of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, topic "Serving on Two Continents"; Mr. C. W. Polvogt of Wilmington, topic "Why Should Business Men be Interested in Missions"; Dr. E. W. Peery of Lynchburg, Virginia, topic "The Part of the Christian Physician in the World [newspaper torn]"; Prof. G. F. McAllister of Mt. Pleasant, topic "College Trained Men for the Mission Field"; Mr. B. L. Umberger of Concord, topic "Missions a Safe Investment"; Mr. J. A. Alexander of Staunton, Virginia, topic "The Embezzlement of a Christian Heritage"; and Mr. J. E. Cooper of Winchester, Virginia, topic "A Reasonable Standard."

Rev. E. C. Cronk, General Secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement was quoted:

I am much pleased with the way the people of Salisbury have provided for this convention.

The interest has been unusual. Business men and professional men have made liberal contributions, men of all denominations have co-operated in the committee work, and the people of the town have been most hospitable in opening their homes for delegates when it was found that the hotel accommodations were not sufficient.

I do not believe we could have found a town that would have done more for the convention than Salisbury has done, and we sincerely hope that the convention will richly repay the people for their interest and help.

There are few towns that have had the opportunity afforded by such a program as this convention offers.

The convention was open to men of all denominations even though it was a Lutheran convention. Women were to be allowed to sit in the galleries if there was room, but if more women wanted to attend the meeting than space would allow, separate meetings would be held in St. John's church.

The *Salisbury Post* also recorded an unsigned "Tribute to Women":

The Hand That Has Rocked the Missionary Cradle.

This convention sheet of the *Post* would be incomplete unless we paused in our preparations for this men's missionary meeting long enough to pay a grateful tribute to the missionary women who have kindled the fires of missionary enthusiasm.

By patient, untiring work they have at last succeeded in awakening some of the men of the Church to a tardy realization of their responsibility for the evangelization of the world.

But for the interest of the women there would never have been a Laymen's Missionary Convention.

It is impossible to estimate how much of the success of this convention is due to the prayers, the sympathy, the influence, and the works of the faithful missionary pioneers—the women.

The *Salisbury Post* had reported on January twelfth that the Finance Committee for this affair was composed of W. F. Snider, W. R. Strachan, and T. E. Johnston. The announced purpose of this convention was "the Evangelization of the World in this Generation."

Some months after that first general Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention, under the leadership of Mr. A. H. Snider and Pastor M. M. Kinard, who was then president of the North Carolina Synod, the Lutheran Brotherhood was begun at St. John's. In the May 5th, 1913, edition of the *Salisbury Post*, a St. John's report to be submitted to the North Carolina Synod included a reference to the Brotherhood: "The official body of the congregation together with the Lutheran Brotherhood of St. John's, which is nearly 100 strong, made the every member canvass April 27 for pledges for funds for the next year." It was at the 1913 Synod meeting that Mr. A. H. Snider, a member of St. John's, was appointed chairman of a committee to co-operate with the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Also, at the Synod meeting in May 1913, Rev. E. C. Cronk was "accorded the floor of Synod and heard with interest in reference to that [Laymen's Missionary Movement] work." The Synod was asked to adopt two resolutions:

1. That Synod approve the proposed plan of the Laymen's Missionary Movement for a church-wide campaign in the interest of missions and other benevolences, beginning about the middle of September, 1913, and culminating in a simultaneous every member canvass for weekly offerings for Missions and other benevolences to be made during the month of March 1914.

2. That we call upon all our pastors, church officers, and the laity in general to unite in the campaign, as far as possible, in order that the largest possible results may follow.



Arnold H. Snider

Cronk may have inspired the rally that St. John's had sponsored in Salisbury on January 2, 1913. The *Salisbury Evening Post* reported in headlines: "Male Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Visitors and Invited Guests Will Assemble in the Armory Hall." One hundred and seventy-five persons were expected for a supper prepared by the "good ladies of the congregation" co-operating with the men. As reported on the following day, the toastmaster was St. John's Honorable T. C. Linn, and dinner music was by the Salisbury Band. The announced purpose of the supper was to afford an opportunity for wider acquaintance, closer fellowship, and more cordial relations between men of the Lutheran faith in this city and community. Guests for the occasion included Captain Charles L. Shaver of the 4th Co. C.A.C.; Mr. E. C. Proctor, director of the Band; Rev. M. L. Kester of Haven Lutheran Church; Mayor F. M. Thompson; Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinard, pastor of St. John's, who was to become Synod president in May; Prof. R. G. Kizer, superintendent for twenty-five years of St. John's Sunday School; Linn Bernhardt, "a young officer of St. John's whose remarks were calculated to draw closer the laymen and especially the young men of the congregation"; John Luther Rendleman who claimed to possess a parchment from the King and Queen of England to the first John Luther [sic] Rendleman and his wife authorizing them to establish the Lutheran church in North Carolina; Mr. Arnold Snider, "young officer of the church who is always looking after the best interests of the same"; Wiley Sifford, "another one of the young men who is on the official board of this church"; Prof. L. H. Rothrock, "son of the late Rev. Samuel Rothrock, who was known as 'Father Rothrock' and who was at one time pastor of St. John's"; Mr. H. H. Kitchen, "a native of Pennsylvania...[who] told of an old map...which showed a roadway starting at Gettysburg and leading south, the objective and stopping point being Salisbury"; Judge B. B. Miller who "gave a most interesting talk"; and editor of the *Post* J. F. Hurley, the last target of the toastmaster. In his jocular fashion, Toastmaster Linn had commented: "Mr. Hurley said he was not a Lutheran but that it was not his fault. He came from a county (Cabarrus) which was settled on one side by Lutheran and on the other by Scotch Irish, and that fortunately or unfortunately, in this presence he would say unfortunately, he was born on the Scotch Irish side of the fence. He said he had never seen a place where the men of the churches took as much interest or worked together more loyally in the interest of the church, and he included all of the churches, as he had observed since coming here. He pledged his paper to give aid and lend a hand in the advancement of the work of the Church." This supper must have been a significant impetus towards the formation of a Brotherhood at St. John's because by November Prof. G. F. McAllister of Mt. Pleas-

ant Collegiate Institute spoke to the "Lutheran Brotherhood of St. John's" and his complete address was reported in the local newspaper on November 4, 1913—the address referred to earlier in this chapter.

In the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for November 6, 1913, the Laymen's Missionary Movement page contained a report from St. Paul's, Columbia, S. C., that suggests an affiliation between the L.M.M. and the Lutheran Brotherhood. St. Paul's congregation made the Every Member Canvass on the fourth Sunday of September. The more than thirty men who did the work on that Sunday afternoon "were so much delighted with this work that they have organized themselves into a Brotherhood..." The L.M.M. page for November 13, 1913, contains a report from Salisbury, N. C. Rev. E. C. Cronk reported "one of the activities of the Brotherhood of St. John's congregation is inviting traveling men to the Sunday services. On Sunday morning some of the men go to all the hotels with a personal invitation. On a recent Sunday a commercial salesman was present for a service, on the invitation of one of the men, and said that in twenty years on the road this was the first time he had ever been invited to Church." Cronk added "This is a suggestion to Brotherhoods looking for something to do."

The "Laymen's Program" at the 1914 North Carolina Synod meeting consisted of five presentations, the last one entitled "The Lutheran Brotherhood: Its History and Purpose" by A. H. Snider. Unfortunately, this speech other than the title was not recorded in Synod Minutes and has not been located elsewhere. A resolution to endorse the Lutheran Brotherhood Movement was made and "that a committee be appointed from a congregation having a Brotherhood; this committee to be at the disposal of any congregation desiring to organize a Lutheran Brotherhood." Men chosen for the Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood Movement were J. D. Barrier, Charlotte; C. A. Cook, St. James, Concord; and A. H. Snider, St. John's, Salisbury.

Resolutions of the General Secretary of the Laymen's Movement were also presented and adopted and are included here to indicate the scope of the work in which St. John's played a prominent part.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, held in Columbia, S. C., April 16, 1914, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Laymen's Missionary Movement direct its efforts during 1914-1915 chiefly along three lines, namely:

(1) A Church-wide Campaign similar to that of 1913-1914, but with concentrated effort;

(2) Missionary Training Conference in Lutheran centers with special reference to the simultaneous "Every Member Canvass" in March 1915; and

(3) Deputation work through teams of laymen working out from Lutheran centers and strong congregations, cultivating the contiguous fields.

Resolved, 2. That we ask the co-operation of the boards in the preparation and distribution of suitable literature for use in the campaign.

Resolved, 3. That we ask the District Synods to co-operate by the appointment of Synodical Co-operating Committees who will secure the appointment of congregational committees, assist in the distribution of literature, and in every way possible assist in cultivating the field.

Resolved, 4. That the General Secretary present these resolutions at the meeting of the District Synods.

Mr. A. H. Snider, Prof. G. F. McAllister, and Mr. J. M. Moser, were appointees of the Synodical Co-operating Committee.

Synod minutes for 1915 credit Dr. W. M. Cook [a member of St. John's] with offering a resolution "That the Synod of North Carolina heartily approves the work of the Lutheran Brotherhood, and that we again cordially commend it to the confidence and co-operation of the congregations of the Synod as an agency of great good in the work of the church." This was proposed "in view of the splendid meeting held here Thursday night by the laymen."

Representing the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., had been recognized as an advisory member of the North Carolina Synod each year from 1910 through 1916. His dedicated work in the office of General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, United Synod of the South, stimulated missionary action, financial accountability and responsibility, benevolent deeds, and fellowship in Christ within the Brotherhood.

By 1917 the end of an era was at hand as the United Synod of the South was preparing for merger with the General Synod and the General Council. The merger to form the United Lutheran Church in America took place in November 1918. Just before the official merger in New York City, each of the three merging synods had its final convention. In the 1918 Proceedings of the Forty-eighth Convention of the General Synod a history of their Lutheran Brotherhood was included. Some of the historical points were: a directive at the 1907 General Synod Convention in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, was issued to form a men's organization for the entire Church; the mission of the Brotherhood was "Organization for Service;" and "it has never aimed to be anything other than a loyal agency in the Church, helping and inspiring men to do the work of the Church." It was resolved by the General Synod "after ten years' experience and observation of the practical work of the

Lutheran Brotherhood, and being convinced of its future possibilities for good, that we heartily commend it to the United Lutheran Church in America as an organization of great usefulness, advising that, through a committee appointed by that body, it may be made a part of its officially organized work."

The resolution by the General Synod was endorsed and the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America came into existence. With an annual individual membership fee of 50 cents for the maintenance of the work of the National Federation, which was to cover the proposed annual dues of 10 cents per member made to the Lutheran Brotherhood of America, the promotion of the practical plans and methods of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement was to be a distinctive and leading program in the activity of the Brotherhoods. This Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America was to become the second Lutheran Brotherhood at St. John's, Salisbury, either succeeding or blending with the Lutheran Brotherhood of 1913 origin.

The General Synod brought another men's organization into The United Lutheran Church in America in 1918. The booklet *75 Years, Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, 1907-1982* tells of a segment of the Laymen's Missionary Movement that had its beginning in the Lutheran Church. As the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church met in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, in May 1907, Mr. Jesse L. Clark, a young business man from Ashland, Ohio, heard the Foreign Mission and Home Mission Boards report their activities and their deficits. Mr. Clark's concern for the deficit inspired the opinion "that if the laity were given a chance to manage the Church's finances, we might right them." At the convention he was appointed to chair a "Laymen's Committee of five to give further study to fiscal problems and try to do something about them. The Movement's motto became—"No deficit in any benevolence." The Laymen's Committee succeeded in establishing local committees throughout the General Synod who co-operated with the General Committee of the Laymen's Movement.

The early leaders in the Laymen's Movement of the General Synod "gave generously of their time, talents, and money to encourage business-like methods in the church, to emphasize regular and systematic giving as an act of worship, and to inspire young adults to serve the church in its parish ministry." Besides distributing literature emphasizing "the fundamental importance of informing and educating the people to the needs of the Kingdom," these leaders recommended a visit to every member of the congregation; the use of a duplex, or bi-pocket envelopes for offerings—the black side for current local expenses and the red side for missions; preparation of a congregational budget; and issuance of a quarterly statement.

The General Committee of the Laymen's Movement in the General Synod became known as the Laymen's Missionary Movement in 1911. When the General Synod, the United Synod in the South, and the General Council merged in 1918 to form The United Lutheran Church in America continuation of the Laymen's Missionary Movement program was urged. The Movement was continued as a "cooperating agency" to promote church efficiency until 1922 at the "ULCA convention in Buffalo, New York, when the Movement joined the official family of Church agencies with the adoption of its first constitution." Its objectives were "to advance the welfare and the work of the United Lutheran Church, and to promote the cause of Christian Stewardship in the congregations of the constituent synods." The name "Missionary" was dropped from the name, and that arm of the Lutheran Church became known as the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship.

Mr. Jesse L. Clark died on June 26, 1942, after serving as chairman or president of the Movement for thirty-five years. His vision for this auxiliary of the Lutheran Church in 1907 continues in 1983 to advocate stewardship as a way of living, to sponsor stewardship seminars, to provide fund-raising services, and to distribute stewardship material to all of the congregations in the Lutheran Church in America.

After the 1918 merger of the three major synodical bodies, adjustment and conformation was necessary to coincide with the goals of the United Lutheran Church in America. The "Layman's evening" during the 1919 North Carolina Synod meeting was held for the last time, with the following program given:

Mr. A. H. Snider presided. Prayer was offered by Prof. G. F. McAllister.

Mr. Louis M. Swink spoke on "The Layman's Part in the Work of the Church in the Local Congregation."

Mr. E. A. Mees spoke on "The Layman's Part in the General Work of the Church."

The State Brotherhood organized by electing Mr. A. H. Snider [of Salisbury] president, and Mr. H. E. Bonitz [of Wilmington] secretary.

Quoting from a letter he had received from the [ULCA] Brotherhood, Synod President J. L. Morgan delivered this message to Synod in 1919:

The time is here for the manhood of the Lutheran Church to make itself felt in the councils of the nation, and to take its larger place in the great work of extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Shall we not meet the challenge of the day and rise to our opportunity?

The Lutheran Brotherhood of America has come into existence for this purpose. It is here to serve our church and our nation. It is a *National Lutheran Brotherhood*.

As a result of restructuring of responsibilities and authority by 1920 and in lieu of the "Laymen's Evening," Synod set aside time on the program for a "Report of Committee on Brotherhoods." In a review of local enterprises from 1913 to 1921, the first project of the St. John's Brotherhood seems to have been to raise money for a new motor for the organ. This ambitious project involved raising \$350, which in 1983 dollars represents about \$3,500. They tried but couldn't raise the whole sum in one year and were paying on it into 1915.

In 1914 there had been interest in expanding the church building with W. F. Snider as head of the Building Fund Committee. The amount of \$4,068 was gathered in pledges toward an estimated \$6,000 project. Then bids on the project showed that it would cost \$9,955. T. E. Johnston, A. H. Snider, and J. L. Fisher, respected members of the congregation, were asked whether to wait or borrow the money for the expansion. Apparently the congregation decided to wait, for it was not until March of 1916 that the congregation was able to go ahead with the expansion of the sanctuary and the Sunday School rooms.

St. John's Brotherhood helped in various ways. They sponsored the speakers for the Reformation Services on Sunday November 1, 1914. In the morning Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., of Charlotte, delivered the sermon. Evening services were conducted by Rev. Charles P. McLaughlin, of Concord, under the auspices of Lutheran Brotherhood. In February of 1915 the Lutheran Brotherhood, as reported by the minutes of the Council, assisted Dr. Kinard in a membership drive which seems to have been successful since the Council expressed their appreciation for this effort. In July of that year the Brotherhood supported a sick member of their group with a \$5 donation, or \$50 in 1983 dollars. They also paid Dr. Kinard's expenses to attend a Laymen's Missionary Convention in Columbia, South Carolina. It was two years later that the Council minutes report that the "Committee on Laymen's Movement be authorized to make a canvass for that purpose." In November 1920, the men of the church gathered to conduct a canvass of the membership on Sunday afternoon. Just the year before, because of the financial distress of the congregation, the Council had considered publishing the financial statement of the members' giving. The canvass by the men resulted in \$5,767 pledged to current expenses and \$2,333 to benevolences, making a total of \$8,101. It is interesting to note that benevolences got 28.8% of this total. The treasurer was instructed for 1921 to divide the receipts with 3/4 for current and 1/4 for benevolences. It was in this same year that the Council requested Mr. J. C. Deaton, who welcomed

everyone in a friendly and helpful manner, "to continue his services at the door which place he has filled so faithfully and acceptably." With the appointment of Prof. R. G. Kizer, T. E. Johnston, and R. B. Brittain to help Deaton, we have the beginnings of the ushering program which currently continues to involve many men of the congregation.

With all this activity of St. John's Brotherhood since the fall of 1913, one can surmise that the 1953 Synod history is referring to the Brotherhood of the ULCA when it records that the Brotherhood movement in North Carolina began in 1920 "in a restricted area ... centering around Gaston County and those adjacent to it." This second Lutheran Brotherhood for St. John's was noted in the *North Carolina Lutheran* in April 1926 and revealed the Brotherhood at St. John's "recently reorganized and joined the ranks of the real Brotherhood."

With the 1917 celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, laymen had proposed the merger of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod of the South. One year later, in the week of Armistice Day of World War I, delegates from these bodies meeting in New York City had constituted the United Lutheran Church in America, the forerunner of our Lutheran Church in America. The first secretary of the ULCA was the Rev. Dr. M. G. G. Scherer of the South Carolina Synod, this synod being part of the United Synod of the South, along with those of Georgia, Holston, Mississippi, North Carolina, Southwestern Virginia, Tennessee, and Virginia. Scherer was a native of North Carolina and former pastor of St. James, Concord.

It wasn't until 1921 that the Tennessee Synod, which had split from the North Carolina Synod in 1820, merged with the North Carolina Synod in a convention in Salisbury and elected Synod's first full-time president in the person of Dr. Jacob Levi Morgan, who was already president of the former North Carolina Synod as of 1919. Dr. Morgan had been a synodical missionary starting five new congregations 1907-1917, and chaplain to students and soldiers 1917-1919. Dr. Morgan saw in the brotherhoods with their interest in missions a resource to help start new congregations. He urged at the 1922 convention that the local brotherhoods form a synodical organization. The Gastonia District Brotherhood took the initiative. The Synodical Brotherhood Constitution was written by Harry E. Isenhour of Haven Lutheran, Salisbury, and the Synodical Brotherhood was established in November 1923. Six local brotherhoods in the vicinity of Salisbury formed the Central District Brotherhood on May 4, 1924, and joined the synodical organization. The executive committee of this first Synodical Brotherhood included L. D. Peeler of St. John's as one of ten congregations with brotherhoods present.

The 1927 synodical Report of Committee on Brotherhoods stated "The Brotherhood of the Synod has become a more compact organization

during the past year. Acting on the authority of the Executive Committee, only such Brotherhoods as are affiliated with both the Synodical and National Organizations and paying their dues have been recognized as a part of the State Brotherhood." They also reported active District Organization, viz: the Southern and the Central. Both are doing much to keep up the enthusiasm of the men for the work of the Church. The Southern District has contributed to the Beneficiary Education of the Synod and also to specific Home Mission Work. The Central District has contributed to Specific Home Mission Work, particularly for Bailey's Camp Church, in both money and labor. Both Districts are holding annual Lutheran Picnics.

In his report to Synod, the Hon. Bismarck Capps of Gastonia [who had grown up in St. John's], president of the State Brotherhood, announced, "We held our last [most recent] annual convention at Salisbury, in St. John's Church, December 9th, 1926. This was a very successful meeting. Committees were appointed to organize the Western and Northern Districts."

At the Salisbury Convention the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Hon. Bismarck Capps, president; Avery R. Rhyne, of Charlotte, vice-president; H. E. Isenhour, of Salisbury, secretary; A. Campbell Cline, of Concord, treasurer; and W. K. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, a member of the executive committee for three years."

The program of the Brotherhood was as follows:

Nationally: The program of the United Lutheran Church.

Synodically: First and foremost, the program of the Synod.

Specifically: Home Missions. Raising the apportionment 100 percent. Increasing the membership of the Church. With the Brotherhood of the U.L.C., to aid in the raising of the Pension Fund.

It had been at the 1922 Synod convention at St. Matthew's, Kings Mountain, that, acting on Dr. Morgan's challenge, ten men of St. Matthew's each proposed to give \$1,000 over a period of ten years for a Home Mission Loan Fund for establishing new congregations, if the other congregational men's groups would come up with \$90,000 to make an initial fund of \$100,000. Called the Loan and Gift Fund for Home Missions, the fund was to help new and struggling congregations with interest-free loans. By 1929, it was announced that pledges had passed the \$100,000 mark; however, the Great Depression delayed the fulfillment of these pledges until 1947. In 1983 the policy is to loan at 6% interest and reduce to 2% as long as regular payments are made.

There was no delay in loaning available funds, however, so that by 1967 fifty-five congregations had been helped. It is interesting to note

that in this time (1929-1967) sixteen counties in North Carolina had their first Lutheran congregations. Even so, a mission opportunity still exists since there are Lutheran congregations in less than half of the counties of North Carolina.

In the minutes of Synod and of St. John's Brotherhood, we learn that St. John's men who had been active in the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement later formed a Brotherhood Bible Class and then formally reorganized a Lutheran Brotherhood at St. John's on February 9, 1926, to be affiliated with the State and National Brotherhoods. Those who paid their dollar dues and were listed on the roll of that first meeting included C. M. Brown, Dr. W. M. Cook, Rev. Dr. G. H. Cox, E. E. Cruse, J. C. Deaton, T. C. Dunham, J. L. Fisher, Rev. E. Fulenwider (pastor), L. G. Goodman, Ivy Hoffner, J. A. Kerns, B. K. Lentz, H. C. Lentz, P. A. Lentz, Roy L. Lentz, C. S. Leonard, G. M. Lyerly, D. J. Mahaley, E. H. Miller, W. D. Morgan, W. E. Odell, A. G. Peeler, J. M. Peeler, D. M. Phillips, J. L. Rendleman, W. L. Ross, J. L. Safrit, John A. Sloop, Leon Sloop, N. A. Trexler, Dr. C. M. Van Poole, and George E. Vogler. The officers elected were W. D. Morgan, president; J. C. Deaton, vice-president; W. L. Ross, secretary; and Leon Sloop, treasurer. The president was authorized to appoint a committee to enlist new members and another committee to draw up the by-laws. The secretary was instructed to send a special letter to "Brother A. H. Snider, Superintendent of St. John's Sunday School, and tell him that the Brotherhood appreciates the splendid work he has done and is now doing for the Sunday School and also tell him that the Brotherhood is behind him 100%."

By May the re-organized St. John's Brotherhood had six committees covering such activities as devotional, programs, Sunday School, educational, social, boys work, and membership. The group, who had previously met after the Brotherhood Bible Class meeting, set the first Tuesday night of each month as its meeting time. New members who had joined included John Bernhardt, J. D. Brown, J. S. Brown, L. M. Cauble, J. R. Crawford, J. C. Cress, C. M. Dry, Charlie Dunham, C. C. Galvin, L. C. Heilig, C. W. Isenhour, H. C. Lentz, T. E. Linn, L. A. Mahaley, F. S. Melchor, J. F. Miller, L. M. Miller, M. E. Miller, U. Ray Miller, L. R. Misenheimer, A. L. Monroe, J. T. Morgan, Harold Mowery, G. G. Myers, G. H. Myers, P. A. Peeler, H. C. Petrea, M. D. Petrea, D. M. Phillips, H. T. Porter, F. S. Roseman, H. E. Rufty, W. C. Sifford, W. H. Slice, C. A. Sloop, L. E. Sloop, Ray Sloop, G. M. Smith, Marvin Snider, J. P. Trexler, S. L. Trexler, Z. V. Trexler, and Thomas Van Poole. This made a group of eighty-six men.

From 1926 through mid-1929, the monthly meetings were held either in the church or in a member's home. The meetings opened with devotions, including a psalm, hymn, scripture reading, and prayer. The

business session was then followed with the program for the evening. Program topics included such concerns as "Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem," "Stewardship," "The Problems of Our Youth," "Advertising the Other Fellow's Faults," "Saving for a Rainy Day," and "The Church's Greatest Need." A free-will offering was received and reports made of state and national Brotherhood conventions.

Some projects in these early years were furnishing the tables for the new St. John's Church on West Innes Street, assisting the pastor in reaching new members or in visiting the sick, helping the superintendent of the Sunday School, sponsoring the picnic at the old Country Club, organizing a committee of six to greet strangers at worship and make them feel like returning, assisting two neighboring congregation in Rowan County in the formation of brotherhoods (St. Enoch and Faith), contributing to the start of the Lutheran Church (Bethany) in North Kannapolis, and collecting funds for the Lutheran Church (St. Paul's) in Durham, North Carolina. Money was raised for the Ministerial Pension Fund, and a member's plea for help of \$150 for his mortgage resulted in a refinancing arranged by J. M. Peeler.

The social aspects of the Brotherhood were important to the success of the organization. In addition to their monthly meetings, plans were made to hold a "social meeting" once a quarter. On one occasion a supper was to be served and all members of the church who would purchase a ticket could attend. The women of the church prepared and served the meal described as a "splendid banquet." The Senior Luther League, another responsible and active arm of the congregation, also prepared and served dinner for the Brotherhood. Musical talents were developed and appreciated when Sloop's Quartet, made up of members of the Brotherhood, performed for the group. Competition between the Red Team and the Blue Team in an attendance contest stimulated friendly intermingling.

One of the more ambitious projects was the financing of a barbecue for the National Convention of Luther League when St. John's played host to this event in July of 1927. St. John's Brotherhood also pledged \$100 a year for ten years to the Synod Loan and Gift Fund for Home Missions, and volunteers were found to bring Lutheran students attending Catawba College to Sunday School and church services. By 1929 six more men had joined the Brotherhood. They included S. A. Kesler, Leonard Shives, Ray Miller, G. A. Lyerly, Charles O. P. Trexler, and C. G. Plyler.

Of the many men of St. John's who are not only active in their own church but gave service to the Synod, Mr. James L. Fisher is a fine example. He served St. John's Council for many years as secretary and was active in the Laymen's Missionary Movement that became the Brotherhood of St. John's. In 1929 he chaired the \$85,000 Pension Fund drive

for the North Carolina Synod as part of the effort of the United Lutheran Church in America to stabilize the ministerial pension fund. In 1922 Mr. Fisher had started teaching a "Young Men's Bible Class" previously taught by Mrs. Pritchard Carlton. Twenty-five years later the class named itself the James L. Fisher Class. In 1938 Mr. Fisher was elected the tenth president of the North Carolina Synodical Brotherhood, continuing on its executive committee to 1947.

With the very heavy debt load for the new church building, completed in 1927 just before the Great Depression, St. John's for the first time was in 1930 unable to fulfill 100% of its benevolences to Synod. This pattern continued sporadically until 1937 when the membership again prided itself on being a 100% benevolence congregation.

The late twenties to the thirties represented the hey-days of the local men's group in Sunday School with the Brotherhood Bible Class having 162 men enrolled in 1928. This class was later to be known as the George H. Cox Bible Class in honor of their beloved teacher. Dr. Cox, a former president of the North Carolina Synod, 1890-1893, was instrumental in starting both the Women's Missionary and Young People's movement during his presidency. He retired to Salisbury in 1920, joined St. John's, and took up the task of teaching the Brotherhood Class until his death in 1928. By the time of the forties, the roster of 162 dropped to forty active men even as Mr. G. L. (Jimmy) Lynch was elected in 1941 secretary of the Synod Brotherhood and Harold Mowery, its treasurer the year before.

The Synodical Brotherhood saw its banner year in 1944 with a total of 105 congregational units, the largest synodical brotherhood in the ULCA. It took the challenge of raising \$50,000 to build a church at Chapel Hill and saw it fulfilled in 1952. During the war years it had supported Lutheran World Action and saw in 1947 the Loan and Gift Fund exceed its goal set in 1922 of \$100,000.

St. John's Brotherhood recorded in their constitution and by-laws ten objectives which had been adopted by the National Brotherhood meeting at Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1948:

EVANGELIZE

1. Win the unsaved for Christ, and bring back the lapsed members.
2. Deepen and enrich the spiritual and intellectual life of the whole work of the whole church.
3. Increase the attendance of the men of the church.

EDUCATE

4. Foster an intelligent appreciative understanding of the whole work of the whole church.

ENERGIZE

5. Promote Christian fellowship—locally, nationally, and internationally.

6. Encourage men of the various Lutheran bodies to draw closer together in understanding and cooperation.

7. Stimulate the practice of Stewardship of time, talent, and money.

8. Strengthen the home so that it may be a real school for Christian living.

9. Promote aggressively a Christ centered, experience centered, and guided boys work program, such as scouting.

10. Encourage our men as Christian citizens to exert an individual and collective influence in the community, and to participate actively in the affairs of government.

St. John's, because of its central location in the state and the availability of housing, had played host to North Carolina Synod, Tennessee Synod, and United North Carolina Synod conventions from the first one in 1803 to the 175th anniversary of the Synod in 1978. It had been host sixteen times for these affairs. In November of 1942 it hosted the twentieth anniversary convention of the Synod Brotherhood. Two hundred men attended the sessions and over 500 were present for the banquet at which Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, statistical secretary of the ULCA, spoke on "How Big is Your Church?" The *Salisbury Evening Post* reported the names of the following persons from St. John's: G. L. (Jimmy) Lynch, president of the local Brotherhood; U. Ray Miller, vice-president; J. C. Sifford, secretary; and Lex Ritchie, treasurer. Rev. P. D. Brown was pastor and Rev. Ernest L. Misenheimer was assistant pastor. The Ladies Aid Society provided the turkey dinner, and Marvin Snider was toastmaster.

Three months later the *Salisbury Evening Post* gave a detailed account of the February 1943 meeting of the North Carolina Synod at St. John's and listed every delegate, pastor, and visitor for the occasion. At this convention, Zeb Trexler, president of the Synod Brotherhood and member of St. John's, gave an earnest speech in behalf of increasing the salaries of Lutheran ministers. Comparison with other denominations showed that the Lutheran scale of salaries made the poorest showing. At this convention Mrs. W. L. (Ina) Ross was general chairman of the luncheons, and A. G. Peeler was the congregational delegate. Celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the ULCA, Rev. W. H. Greever, ULCA Church Secretary, gave a forty-five-minute talk to a packed sanctuary in St. John's, the largest sanctuary in Salisbury. A black-out because of World War II did not stop his address, in which he called for a national goal of one million dollars to minister to servicemen, refugees, and prisoners of war. Charles S. Heilig,

synod treasurer, reported that for the first time in memory every congregation paid its full apportionment.

St. John's was to host other Synodical Brotherhood conventions in 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953, and 1955. After 1956 St. John's Brotherhood, temporarily stopped regular meetings for lack of interest in a fellowship group. This does not mean that the men were less active but that other church activities took up their time. Lutheran Mission Week for several years running (1954-1959), the planning for the expansion of the church, and even an Evangelism Zone Plan used up so much time and talent that the Brotherhood was less active and often erratic in their meeting times.

For example, the men involved in the Lutheran Evangelism Mission of 1959 included the following committees: Prayer: Julian Smith, chairman, Roy Agner, Jr., Paul L. Bernhardt; Family-Worship-At-Home: Robert Carmichael, chairman; Youth: Frank Sloop and Arnold Snider; Publicity: C. E. Weinbrunn, chairman, and Charles Barger; Hospitality: Glenn Ketner, chairman; Music: Herman Peeler, chairman, and William Alsobrooks; and Finance: Frank Stoessel.

In 1957 a Lay Retreat was held at Lutheridge. A number of brotherhoods combined to sponsor a Lutheran Scout Retreat, also at Lutheridge, with 255 boys and sixty-two leaders representing twenty-three troops. Oliver Rufty noted the Brotherhood's support of Scouting. Scout Troop #8 in Rowan County was started in 1922 and sponsored by St. John's. Later the troop number was changed to #443 by the Uwharrie Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Even later, in 1966, the troop joined the John J. Barnhardt Camp in Central North Carolina Council, Albemarle. In the period of 1955 to 1965 eleven boys became Eagle Scouts, and an equal number earned Pro Deo et Patria awards. Scoutmaster for this period was Paul S. Smith.

The Synodical Brotherhood, meeting at St. Andrews, Hickory, in 1958, changed its name to the United Lutheran Church Men of the North Carolina Synod. John P. Miller was re-elected secretary, and St. John's was represented by Charles Heilig, Marvin Baker, Lex Ritchie, Larry Peeler, and Glenn Ketner. In January of 1959 the United Lutheran Church Men of St. John's listed seventy-six men on its roll with E. L. Cline as its president.

In the late sixties the Lutheran Church Men's group of St. John's experienced a few years of dormancy. In 1966 when the national organization dissolved, North Carolina set up its own "Lutheran Men" as a synodical auxiliary. However, it was a busy time for St. John's men as individuals. The older men were involved in fund raising, church expansion, and service to Synod and Lenoir-Rhyne College while many of the younger men were involved in the Vietnam conflict. In April of 1978 the Lutheran Church Men started meeting again with dinner on

a Thursday evening, at which time Oliver Rufty presented an interesting program. A fish fry was set for June at Lake Norman. In September they began monthly meetings. For the September supper they had thirty-four steaks cooked in thirty minutes by the pastor, David Huddle, using the two gas-burner grills the Brotherhood had provided for the large brick fireplace in the church courtyard. Eleven members made a fishing trip to Kure Beach in November, which became an annual event.

When St. John's congregation purchased three houses on Council Street, the men helped fix up the middle one for use as a Boy Scout Hut. They had previously been involved with major renovations in the choir rooms. Those men employing their carpentry and painting skills were Bill Leonard, Walter McDaniel, Raymond Rufty, Raymond Ritchie, Larry Britt, Bill Earnhardt, Oliver Rufty, and Pastor Huddle. The Brotherhood also provided financial support.

Past presidents of the renewed St. John's Lutheran Men, 1978-1983, have included Raymond Ritchie, Rick Hampton, Lamar Trexler, Rev. Dr. George R. Whittecar, Dr. Roy Agner, Jr., and Francis Aull.

In 1982 the group voted to affiliate again with the synodical unit. Not only have they enjoyed their local meetings but have accomplished such projects as helping with the construction of facilities on St. John's Retreat property, made contributions of water heaters and blankets to Camp Agape, and contributed toward sidewalks for the Lutheran Homes. They also funded the sidewalk entrance to the Center at St. John's, built and paid for an enclosure for yard tools and supplies at the church, and rebuilt and extended the sound system in the Fellowship Hall. The major project, assisted by the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company, was a \$1,000 gift to the Synod computer project, the largest contribution from any Synod Brotherhood group. The group has gone semi-annually for a visit to the local minimum-security prison as part of the mission of Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry.

Because of his long and active interest in the Brotherhood of St. John's, it is appropriate in this history to give the last words to Oliver Rufty:

It is impossible to write the history of St. John's Men without going into the North Carolina Synod records. So many of St. John's men held Synodical office as St. John's worked closely with the Synod. We at St. John's took the name of the auxiliary with responsibility and supported all of the synodical institutions and appeals. Locally, it is impossible and impractical to list all events we engaged in. We acknowledge those also who served in many Brotherhood positions at St. John's on the local level, but regretfully have no dates or records of their service. St. John's Brotherhood, since its early

history, has had a wide range in attendance—from a handful (around thirteen) to over 100.

Be it small or large, there is fellowship, groups working together, and enjoying a chat across the table of good food. As many of our Brotherhood might say, "Please try it—you'll love it!"

The Men of St. John's are grateful to the Ladies of St. John's and their auxiliaries for the many hours of work preparing food, cooking, serving, and "kitchen policing" for the Lutheran Brotherhood—local, district, synodical, and national—throughout the history of St. John's. Some years, many times, as many as three of the above groups were served in a single year. The Ladies kept the stomachs full for the St. John's troops, so that they could march in the battle to expand the Lutheran Church in North Carolina.

And for the Luther Leagues, the same must be said as above, and all other organizations that served with our Brotherhood so beautifully.

There have been many goals met by our Brotherhood [known formally in 1983 as the Lutheran Church Men]. The BIG GOAL of the synodical organization to reach is to have a Lutheran Church in every county of North Carolina.



St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, circa 1948.

1st row: Paul A. Lentz, O. O. Ruffy, E. S. Temple, John C. Sifford, U. Ray Miller, McNeely Miller, Glenn Ketner, Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller, Henry Clay Lentz, Rev. Dr. P. D. Brown, J. D. Brown, Walter M. Cook, 2nd row: Max Clark, Ben Clark, T. R. Plyler, John Marley, Frank Hand, Paul Roseman, Tom Cornelison, Tom Van Poole, L. E. Graham, Lloyd "Red" Troxler, A. G. Peeler, Hugh Petrea, 3rd row: Van Ross, L. G. Goodman, W. A. Albright, Earl Miller, W. D. Morgan, unidentified, George Vogler, Tom Peeler, Jack Thompson, H. Clifford Beaver, J. A. Horton, B. K. Barringer, T. M. Shost, Thomas Lee Gasky, 4th row: Wilson Smith, Sam Hall, Charles Barger, Clement Brown, Floyd Williams, Charles Brady, Baxter Wyatt, McDonald Wyatt, Grady Lentz, unidentified, J. O. Brown, Jr., Archie Ruffy, John Capps Thomas, Robert Carmichael, 5th row: Maurice E. Miller, Thomas Kern, C. O. P. Tretler, Charles Murray Smith, William W. Shives, Reginald Ballard, Marius Goodnight, Charles W. Isenhour, R. Lee Mahaley, unidentified, W. F. Ratz, Roy David Beaver, Fred Misenheimer, Johnny Farmer, 6th row: Charles Hellig, Milton Zimmerman, W. A. Butner, Richard Marlin, Julian Smith, Clarence Beaver, Burly Lyerly, James L. Fisher, Davis Bame, Wade Drye, Bernard Lentz, 7th row: Luther Miller, Odell Sapp, Ree V. Goodman, Edwin Van Poole, Richard Hannold, Raymond Ruffy, Henry Hartman, Ed Leonard, Fred Ruffy, Sam Leonard, unidentified, Harry Livengood, M. O. Wyatt, Ray Melchor, Frank Stoessel, L. G. Goodman, Jr.



“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

CHAPTER FIVE

YOUTH WORK IN ST. JOHN'S

by Frederick G. Gotwald

The May 1894 *Minutes of the North Carolina Synod* contain the earliest reference to church youth work proposed by the Synod. Mrs. J. Lewis Smith handed "important" abstracts of that synod meeting to Myrtle Rawling and asked that they be placed in St. John's archives.

The first reference from those synod minutes was in the report of Synod President George H. Cox (1894:13), the same Pastor Cox who, upon retiring in 1922, became a member of St. John's and taught a Sunday School class which later bore his name. He urged that a special committee be appointed during the convention to make a recommendation about the formation of a state-wide Luther League. As he noted, "From many parts of our church there comes the cheering news of the good work being accomplished by the organization amongst the young people known as 'The Luther League.' Wherever these organizations have been effected, a new interest has been aroused amongst the young people, making them better acquainted with the history and doctrines of our dear old church; building them up and strengthening them in church love and church pride; and resulting in an awakening and stirring up of the whole congregation."

A committee of two (M. G. G. Scherer, St. James, Cabarrus, and J. D. Shirey, president of North Carolina College) recommended that the "Synod look with favor upon the organization of our young people into societies for the effective work in the Kingdom of our Lord, and that we heartily recommend that a Luther League be formed in each of our congregations as soon as possible." By October 31, 1896, a State Luther League was organized at a meeting held at St. John's, Concord, and it was ratified by the Synod in 1897.

These minutes note that in 1896 there were eight Leagues with a total of 231 members. St. John's, Salisbury, was one of those. The usual pattern before the formation of a state-wide organization is the formation of local groups who want to share with others the good things that are happening and to cooperate on common mission projects.

The Synod history notes that the early records of young people's work are sadly lacking. To add to this is the confusion caused by having two synodical organizations on the same territory. The Tennessee Synod formed a separate young people's organization primarily through the interest of St. John's, Statesville, with M. F. P. Troutman becoming

the first president for the District Luther League of Western North Carolina. In 1921 this body joined the Young People's Federation of North Carolina to form the Luther League of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and became part of the United Lutheran Church in America, which had been formed in 1918.

Many young people's societies in North Carolina were formed under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Societies and were variously known as the Young People's Missionary Society, the Girl's Guild, Luther League, or Young People's Society. By 1916 these young people's societies began to function as a separate segment of the church, holding their own state-wide conventions.

The first Young People's Society of St. John's mentioned in the Synod history may have been sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society or may have been an informal organization sponsored by Pastor C. B. King near the end of his pastorate at St. John's in 1896. We do not know, but it seems that by the time of Pastor M. M. Kinard's arrival (1906-1920) after the pastorates of two others, L. E. Busby (1896-1901) and J. H. Wilson (1902-1905), there was the need for a formal formation of a Young People's Society. Because of a tendency for peaks and valleys of interest and activity in this age group within a congregation, some discontinuity of young people's participation is not surprising.

The earliest record in St. John's archives is a black minute book, bound with red buckram on spine and corners, which contains a handwritten Constitution and By Laws of the Young People's Society of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Salisbury, N. C. In it is the note: "This constitution was read and adopted: Nov. 19th, 1909. (Signed) Bismark Capps, Pauline Lentz, Ida Lingle." The group was formed during the pastorate of Rev. M. M. Kinard, who became pastor of St. John's on September 1, 1906.

The Constitution states that the purpose of the organization was "to promote an earnest, active Christian spirit among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of the Church of Christ." There were two types of membership: *active*, those who were Lutheran of St. John's and those "holding their membership in other Lutheran churches," and *associate*, who were young men and women of other denominations or of no church affiliation. The intent of a wider fellowship serving Salisbury young people can be read between the lines. They met the first and third Thursday nights and had a ten-cents-a-month dues. To have a quorum, they needed not less than twelve active members.

The Society seems to have flourished through the next two years, holding seventeen meetings for which we have no minutes. Oddly enough, the first minutes are dated May 18, 1911, with Luther Miller as president and Laura May Shane as secretary. The major item of business was

the idea of presenting the congregation with a piano. The group at its next meeting voted to purchase the piano for \$240 plus \$12.15 freight. The group had a good treasury since they were immediately able to pay half of the piano plus the freight. This project excited the Society into planning an ice cream social for raising more money. The offer of \$5 by C. M. Brown to be matched with \$5 by the Society was accepted to help send Mr. Stirewalt back to the mission school in Japan. This Mr. Stirewalt was the Rev. Arthur Julius Stirewalt, an early Lutheran missionary to Japan, who was responsible for the school in Kumamoto. He was a cousin to Dr. Martin Luther Stirewalt, pastor at St. John's 1930-1938.

In succeeding months, a Halloween Fete doubled the treasury to \$95 and a Bazaar netted \$132. The group sent a donation toward a window for the Greensboro Lutheran Church, contributed \$10 to the Lutheran Laymen's meeting, and in the meantime continued to pay for the piano. By January 1912 the Society finished paying for the piano and responded to an appeal for furnishings for the new Luther's Lutheran Church with a gift of \$25. In 1910 and 1911 the Society paid for projects amounting to a total of \$308, leaving a balance of \$92 in their treasury. In 1912 the Society helped with the church furnace (\$25) and Sunday School books (\$10). In October 1913, the same year that Abbie and Eva Peeler, Ella Pinkston and Ina Mingias joined the Young People's Society, the group gave \$25 for the new Lutheran church in Spencer. In December, Eva Peeler was elected secretary of the group while president was W. M. Snider, vice-president was W. D. Morgan, and treasurer was J. Q. Wertz.

The last minutes in this first record book end with February 19, 1914. For the last five meetings the group gathered in the homes of Mrs. Henry Tysinger on North Church Street, Mrs. F. U. Barrier on North Jackson Street, and Miss Weston Capps on South Long Street. They also met in the homes of Mrs. W. D. Morgan and Miss Mae Miller, and held a specially called meeting at the home of Mrs. Livan (Ina Mingias) Ross.

A gap in our records of any official minute books is filled by Miss Eva Peeler who wrote a History of St. John's Luther League in a six-part article for *The League Speaks: Of the Church, By the Church and For the Church*. This publication began with the February 8, 1942, issue of this mimeographed youth publication under the guidance of the assistant minister, Rev. E. L. Misenhiemer, and encouragement of the senior pastor, Dr. P. D. Brown. This League paper was hailed by the state Luther League president, Elmer Troutman of Hickory, as a worthwhile project for any league. *The League Speaks* was a forerunner of *St. John's Journal*, which started in 1953. Another youth publication *Tell It Like It Is* started in 1969 and ended in 1976 to be succeeded

by the *Brief Leaf*. The staff for the first issue of *Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church*, later named *The League Speaks*, included Editor Bob Mowery and Assistant Editor Dot Click plus Margaret Bame, Juanita Horton, Mrs. Edwin Uzzell and Sam Bame. Here is the history of St. John's Luther League as recorded by Eva Peeler:

The History of the [Young People's Society] Luther League of St. John's is lost in records, but still lives in the hearts of the "old timers."

The League was organized for two reasons. First, to have a larger program of work. The motto of the League "Of the Church, By the Church, and For the Church" and its objectives "Education, Missions and Life Service" appealed to the Young People. Second, a desire to be part of the state organization, to learn to know, and have fellowship with, the young people of our state, and to have part in the larger program of our Church.

The Young People's Society [formed in 1909] was a small but active group doing local work. A remaining evidence of their work is the Cross on our Altar. This society was never affiliated with the State organization.

Mr. Marvin Snider was president of the society when the change took place. [Joining the State organization and changing the name to a Luther League.] Some of the other members were: Mr. Lee Atwell, Mrs. Cora Tysinger, Mrs. Addie Somers, Mr. C. M. Brown, Mr. Paul Lentz, Mr. George Bernhardt, Misses Abbie and Eva Peeler and Mrs. Margaret Linker Wyatt, who was elected first president of the Luther League.

The St. John's Luther League was a small group when first organized, but it grew to seventy members in two years. Margaret Linker Wyatt was president and Leon Sloop was treasurer.

The Luther League in North Carolina was the organization for young people in the Tennessee Synod, and the Young People's Federation for the North Carolina Synod. (These Synods later merged [1921] and became the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.)

St. James, Concord, and Holy Trinity, Charlotte, both had organizations, and St. John's Young People's Society became a Luther League.

The larger organization was first known as the Western District League, becoming a State League in 1920.

The first meeting to which St. John's sent delegates was held in Beth Eden, Newton. The delegates were Margaret Linker Wyatt, Abbie Peeler, Alfred Brady and Ray Casper.

The next [state] meeting was held in St. John's. At this meeting a suggestion that definite missionary work be undertaken was made, and was adopted a year later in Holy Trinity, Hickory. St. John's was assessed "10 shares" or \$100 for the Boy's School in Fukuoka, Japan.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION ALWAYS ACTIVE IN STATE LUTHER LEAGUE PROGRAM

OLDER MEN GIVE SUPPORT

The Luther League was fortunate in having the active support of some of the older men of the congregation: Mr. C. M. Brown who came with his son and daughter, Alfred and Eloise Brady [sic]. They never took part in the Sunday evening programs, but always attended, and were generous in their financial support. Mr. Brady was the first delegate to a National Convention, held in Fort Wayne, Ind. St. John's was the first local League to send a delegate to a National meeting.

The League has always been active in the State's League work. Abbie Peeler was elected member of the Executive Committee of the Western District, at the first meeting [Statesville 1913], to which delegates were sent, and later served two years as vice-president of the State Luther League. Catharine Stirewalt was the first girl to become president of Synodical League [in 1934. Eva Peeler herself was the national Luther League Recording Secretary from 1929-1933.] Juanita Horton has served as secretary. Statistical secretary, missionary secretary, intermediate secretary, and the vice-presidency are offices held at various times by St. John's Leaguer's [in the State organization].

LEAGUE HAS VARIED PROGRAM

The social meeting was well attended in the early days. The programs were well planned too. Today when demands are greater for civic and personal social life, the leaguer has to decide which meeting means more to him. It is very essential that the league meeting be made attractive as well as helpful.

Mission study classes were held during Lent.

Many worthwhile pageants were given. St. John's had a reputation for really putting the message across to the congregation. One of the most successful was "America's Unfinished Battles." It was presented by request of State League at the Convention held in Concord August 1924 by



Luther League of America Convention

From the Luther League Review which reported the 17th convention we have a picture of the group on the front steps of St. John's. The highlight of the convention was the great missionary demonstration on Sunday evening

a cast of seventy-five Leaguers under the direction of Mr. Jimmie Wren. It was the first given here in the Community Building [the Old Court House at Council and Main]. The offering was \$75.00.

In July 1927 the Luther League of America came South for the first time. History was made in point of attendance (577) and in work done. [Besides the national Luther League convention in 1927, St. John's has hosted the State Luther League conventions in 1933, 1943, and 1953.]

Miss Eva continues:

The Presbyterians will long remember the singing of the Luther League Rally hymn on Sunday night. The great organ was accompanied by such a volume of voices that completely drowned out their service [across the street].

Other events of note at this convention were the greeting from the Lutheran mayor of Salisbury and member of St. John's, the Honorable Mr. J. L. Fisher. A pig-picking barbeque was held on the grounds of the Country Club. Mrs. Minnie L. Peterson, convention reporter, commented, "North Carolina, we have learned to love you—your people,



at St. John's, Salisbury, 1927.

—delegation after delegation coming forward with banners indicating what had been done for Andhra Christian College, Guntur, India. \$31,050 in checks was presented to Doctor Thomas, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

your wonderful hospitality, your fine spirit, your beautiful charming girls, and your fine manly young men! Salisbury, as a convention city you were perfect, and we may just as well begin this report by thanking you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for us. We shall never forget you!"

GROUP ORGANIZED JUNE 1917

Since beginning the history of St. John's Luther League, [Miss Peeler continues] a letter from Hon. J. C. Sigmon of Newton, N. C., who was president of the district [Luther League] at that time, definitely establishes our [state] organization date as between June and October of 1917.

The financial accomplishments of the league were pretty good. Individual offerings, dues, profits from pageants, public meeting, "Chicken salad," and "oyster suppers" were the means of financing the work.

In the early days "Church Suppers" were given by most organizations, and by all churches. Any available empty building was spoken for far in advance. The suppers were sort of get-

together affairs, and were patronized by all denominations. A lot of hard work, but a lot of fun and good fellowship.

For six consecutive years the Leagues paid \$300 to the state treasury. The total amount paid up to 1939 was \$3,300. Among some of the larger gifts in years past were: \$500 paid on Church debt, \$100 for brass lectern [eagle lectern in archive room], and \$100 for the first colored altar cloths. The cloths were made by Mrs. M. M. Kinard.

LEAGUE HAS THREE GROUPS

The Junior Luther League and the Light Brigade merged several years ago [1939] and became The Children of the Church, under the direction of the parish school board. This organization takes care of all the children up to twelve years of age.

The Luther League then re-arranged its age groups to carry on from the Children of the Church.

The League has a fine set-up: [reported in 1942] Intermediates, 12-14; Seniors, 15-17; Young People, 18 and over. Each group has a superintendent, an advisor, and a counselor respectively. One of the objects of the League is to train our youth to become Christian Leaders in our Church and community.

Seventy-nine leaguers attended the meetings last Sunday, March 1, [1942]. The number could have been 237.

The history of youth work in St. John's is reported in some detail in the mimeographed publication *The League Speaks* which was launched December 14, 1941, a week after Pearl Harbor. The first issue makes no mention of this fateful event which involved the United States in World War II but does mention that a Young People's Banquet was held with Pastor P. D. Brown as speaker, Bill Shive as toastmaster, and Bob Mowery as president.

It is of interest to record from time to time the list of officers of the three youth groups. In 1941 they were as follows:

	<u>Young People Group</u>	<u>Senior Group</u>	<u>Intermediate Group</u>
President:	Bob Mowery	Sam Bame	Beverly Cauble
Vice-pres.:	James Cruse	Donald Leazer	Doris Dry
Secretary:	Elizabeth Ellington	Mary Butner	Winifred Dry
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Ellington	Davis Bame	Hugh Petrea
Ed. Sec.:	Barbara Brown	Margaret Mahaley	Allegra Miller
Mission Sec.:	Ruth Gillelan	Pauline Mowery	Jean Mahaley
Life Service:	Miriam Horton	Stella Stoessel	Ray Miller, Jr.

The Young People's group had as counselors Mrs. Reginald Ballard and Mrs. Philip Sowers. The Senior Group had Mrs. Ernest L. Misenheimer, wife of the assistant pastor, as adviser, and the Intermediate Group had as superintendent Mrs. Edwin Uzzell and Miss Abbie Peeler as assistant. Many of these persons are remembered and some of them are still with us [in 1983].

The missionary interest of the Leagues was notable. In 1942 the National Luther League adopted Luthergiri Seminary, Rajahmundry, South India, to help them build a chapel, books for the library and two professors' homes at a cost of \$10,000. St. John's Leagues contributed to this cause. The North Carolina Synod Luther League had the second largest membership in the nation, exceeded only by that of Pennsylvania.

St. John's Young People's group was affected by the men going into military service. By February 1942, *The League Speaks* reported eighteen men in uniform. By November there were seventy-seven, by June 1943 there were 122, and by 1946 more than 200 sons and daughters of St. John's had served in World War II.*

Those left behind began to pitch in and pick up League functions. When the editor of *The League Speaks* enlisted in the armed forces, Betty Scott Lentz assumed responsibility and by May of 1942 was editor of this youth publication. In June of 1943 Hugh Conrad Petrea joined the staff as art editor, and the publication not only sported illustrations but began to come out in a variety of colored papers. Betty Scott edited this weekly paper until September 1944 when a pattern of co-editors was established with Margaret Smith and Toby Rendleman. Each co-editor produced an issue every other week. On top of this, Margaret Smith accepted the request of the state Luther League to edit their paper, *Edmilise*, which she did from January 1945 to September 1946. One of the issues of *The League Speaks*, dated July 1, 1945, reported a special League program held at St. John's:

LEAGUERS PRESENT ANNUAL LIFE SERVICE PROGRAM

Last Sunday night the Leaguers presented a most impressive Life Service program. Approximately eighty young people took part in the program. Mrs. David Rendleman directed the music which was handled beautifully by the Junior and Intermediate Choirs accompanied by a seven piece orchestra. Margaret Mahaley Stoessel conducted the devotions and Florence Yarbrough had charge of the meditation. Toby Rendleman gave a most inspiring address giving his reasons for choosing Life Service for his future work; Sister Lucille [Lyerly] also gave a most interesting address telling of

* See Appendix C.

experiences and joys of serving as a Deaconess. The main speaker for the evening was Rev. Herman Fisher, one of St. John's young men who had chosen Life Service work. Rev. Fisher's message was truly a challenge to all who heard him. Representatives of the League also honored all those of St. John's in full-time Life Service by lighting a candle in their name.

Participation in St. John's youth activities prepared many of our young people for leadership roles in the church and community. An example of this pattern is Catharine A. Stirewalt. She was active in the local league and in the state organization when, in 1934, she was elected its first woman president. A decade later she went as a missionary to China with St. John's adopting her support. Margaret Smith was active in the League and co-edited *The League Speaks* and the state publication *Edmilise*. This experience prepared her for the job at St. John's as Office Secretary and Director of Young People's activities in August of 1946. She served until March of 1948 when she resigned to get married. Betty Scott Lentz, who was elected state president of the Luther League in 1948, eventually became office administrator for St. John's, the position she fills in 1983. Betty Scott joined the staff as secretary in 1953 at the start of Rev. Frank K. Efrid's pastorate.

Assistant pastors come and go fairly frequently, but each left his imprint on the young people's work, which was usually assigned to him. Pastor Ernest L. Misenheimer was St. John's first called assistant and was responsible for *The League Speaks*, a communication piece which led to other publications in St. John's history. He came in 1940 and left in 1943. Rev. Herman W. Cauble (1943-44) stayed so briefly that Emily Ballard was called by St. John's to serve as parish worker in charge of young people's work. Advisors in August of 1944 included Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Lampert, Young People, Deaconess Sister Lucille Lysterly, Seniors; and Miss Abbie Peeler and Mrs. Edwin Uzzell, Intermediate. Under their direction St. John's Luther Leagues won the State Plaque in August 1945 for best improvement in all activities. Rev. S. L. Swing served as assistant pastor from 1946 to 1947.

In 1947, under the pastorate of Rev. P. D. Brown, St. John's observed its two hundredth anniversary and the youth groups participated in the special music for the three Sundays of celebration. On October 12, Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, preached at the morning and evening services. The next Sunday evening was the Synodical Night with representation from such synod groups as the Brotherhood, Women's Missionary Society, and the Luther League. Synod President Emeritus Dr. J. L. Morgan gave a historical talk on the North Carolina Synod. The third occasion was on the October 26th Vesper Service for Community Night. Salisbury Historian

William D. Kizziah was the speaker, and greetings were brought from many of Salisbury's civic groups.

Harry Livengood, whose tour of duty in the navy took him away from St. John's organ and choirs, returned in January 1946 as Minister of Music with additional duties as supervisor of buildings, the Scouting program, and Sunday School promotion. In the summer of 1948 a new assistant pastor, Rev. R. Harold Terry, was called and stayed for two years. Mary Catherine Miller won distinction for St. John's by winning the National Luther League Essay contest in August 1949. She read her essay, "Following Jesus Christ, My Dearest Friend," to the national convention held at Roanoke, Virginia, that year.

Nineteen-fifty saw some significant events. In January Miss Elizabeth Huddle, sister of the late Rev. K. Y. Huddle and aunt of Pastor David Huddle, spoke to a joint meeting of St. John's youth groups. [At that time she was under appointment as a missionary to Japan and in 1983 is still serving in this work.] Miss Huddle's presentation was followed by a Prayer Laboratory series, headed by Rev. Albert Anonye, a Nigerian pastor and student at Hood Seminary in Salisbury. Rev. William J. Drucker, Associate Secretary of the ULCA Luther League, spoke the next Sunday. Harry Livengood was put in charge of young people's work in July and made Director of Christian Education.

Assistant Pastor Harold E. Rhoads joined St. John's in June 1951 and served to 1955. Those years encompassed Rhoads' own illness, the tragic death of Pastor P. D. Brown, and the arrival of Pastor Efird. Rhoads, as advisor to the Senior Group, started a series of talks on "Do You Date or Court?" Unfortunately, he became seriously ill in mid-August and was away for five months recuperating from an operation. The League continued under their advisors and with the League Executive Committee. After his return to health, Pastor Rhoads had little contact with the youth programs because of extra pastoral burdens caused by Pastor Brown's lengthy and fatal illness. Pastor Brown died August 3, 1952. After the nine-months search for his successor, Pastor Frank K. Efird of Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia, became pastor of St. John's in April 1953.

The last issue of *The League Speaks* (April 26, 1953) reports a Life Service meeting for May with two leaguers Toby Rendleman and Floyd Trexler, sons of St. John's, who were to be ordained. The planning committee for the service consisted of Edward Julian, Mary C. Miller, Betty Scott Lentz, and Pastor Rhoads.

One of the last acts of Pastor Brown was to offer St. John's as host for the North Carolina Synod convention on May 4-7, 1953. He did not live to see the event which included a return visit by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Dr. Jacob L. Morgan, and the opening of Synod under President F. L. Conrad. Leaguers and the congregation were invited to hear these men.

Because of a polio scare that same summer (1953), the State Luther League convention of over 400 persons was shifted from Hickory to St. John's. Pastor Efird praised the Luther Leagues and Women of the Church for successfully housing, entertaining, and feeding the delegates on a few weeks' notice.

By 1953 the Young People's League seems to have dissolved because only the Senior League and the Intermediate League are mentioned. Leaders for the Senior League at that time were as follows: President Mary Catherine Miller, Vice-president Violet Melchor, Secretary Betsy Henry, Treasurer Larry Peeler, Education Secretary Mimi Krider, Missionary Secretary Ann Folger, Life Service Secretary Jimmy Thomas, and Social Chairman Charles Heilig. According to records, Pastor Rhoads went with Mary Catherine Miller, Henry Rendleman, Billy Griffith, and Ann Isenhour to the National Convention of the Luther League of America held in Ohio in 1953.

The Intermediate League reported its strongest year with "live-wire" advisors Betty Scott Lentz and Norma Ludwig. The officers included President Billy Griffith, Vice-president Jimmy Kluttz, and Secretary Ann Edwards.

Pastor Efird's annual report in the second issue of *St. John's Journal* noted that thirty-one members of St. John's were in college and thirty-three of them in the service. The Parochial Report for 1952 showed St. John's membership at 1725 baptized, 1340 confirmed, and 1025 communicants. The Sunday School enrollment stood at 734 and 825 persons attended the Easter Service.

With Pastor Rhoads resignation in January 1955, the congregation called as an assistant Rev. James Stephenson to work with the young people. He arrived in May. In February the congregation had purchased the Filling Station next to the church and it was immediately used for Sunday School and League activities.

The next year, 1956, was also filled with activities. In February a visit was made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and in September a Youth Sunday banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall.

A new development in the youth work of St. John's was adopted by the Church Council in December. It was decided "that work among the young people of our church in grades seven through twelve be carried on through the respective departments of the Church School." As described by the announcement in the *Journal*, the new plan involved a coordination of the youth programs. In place of the Luther League meetings each Sunday night, the groups would meet as departments of the Sunday School one Sunday night each month. In addition, retreats were planned for a week-end away from the church for study, recreation, and a worship service. The Filling Station would continue to be used May through September with Friday nights for Intermediates and Saturday



St. John's Youth Sunday Banquet in the Fellowship Hall, October 1956.

nights for the Seniors. The Sunday night meetings were supper events with the first one for the Seniors including as guests the young people of First Methodist Church. One hundred and fifty-three were present to hear a program by Pastor Emmett McLarty of the Methodist Church and Pastor Frank Efird of St. John's.

The need for St. John's to have its own camp property began to emerge in April 1957 when efforts to find such a facility for thirty-five youngsters failed. The need for better facilities at church and for a camp owned and operated by the church was considered, and a Planning Committee of the Greater St. John's Program was formed.

In December the Council adopted the formation of a third youth organization for youth in grades four to six. The new group would be styled after the successful program of the Senior and Intermediate Leagues except their Sunday evening meetings would be quarterly.

In spite of the resignation of Assistant Pastor Stephenson as of January 31, in February the young people of St. John's hosted the synodical Luther League conference designed to help presidents of local leagues. This overnight conference meant that the youth, besides making preparation for this meeting, served two meals and a banquet and found overnight housing for the participants.

By March of 1958, the congregation was able to call Rev. Robert B. Lineberger as an assistant pastor. He was the first candidate that did not come directly from the seminary. He had been pastor of Morning Star Lutheran Church in Matthews, North Carolina. Lineberger stayed for four years.

Outstanding teenagers came out of St. John's youth program. Nominated by St. John's Young People, Kay Goodman was recognized as "Teen Ager of the Year" by North Carolina's Junior Chamber of Commerce at its convention in Wilmington in August 1958. Her accomplishments included being the first girl elected student body president of Boyden [Salisbury] High School, girl's city tennis champion for three consecutive years, president of Future Homemakers, and member of the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Goodman.

In April 1959, another member of St. John's won state recognition. Karen Rawling, president of St. John's Young People, was selected as "Leaguer of the Month" by the *North Carolina Lutheran*, chosen "Teenager of the Year" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce for Salisbury, and nominated for state election. In April of 1960 she was one of ten teenagers appointed by North Carolina's Governor Luther Hodges to the Golden Anniversary of the White House Conference on Children and Youth in Washington, DC.

The following year Sara Lou Thomas was chosen by Salisbury's Junior Chamber of Commerce as Teenager of the Year and Rudy Busby re-

ceived that honor in 1962. Significantly, in the five years of such selection four of the recipients came from St. John's.

In November of 1958, Harry Livengood resigned to become business manager of Lenoir-Rhyne College. Serving as St. John's minister of music, he also had served terms on the church council, was institution representative to the Boy Scouts, director of Christian Education, editor of *The League Speaks*, and business manager for Salisbury City Schools. He had served St. John's from 1936 to 1958 with the exception of three years service in the Navy (1943-1946). The Sunday School had been integrated with the League activities in 1956, and it is significant to note how many people were involved by 1958, as reported in the October issue of the *Journal*:

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: superintendent, W. A. Alsobrooks; assistant superintendent, Curtis Cobb; pianists, Mrs. Francis J. [Pauline Linn] Smith, Henry Tysinger, Jr., and Mrs. W. A. [Margaret Smith] Alsobrooks; teachers, Mrs. Francis J. Smith, Mrs. Hamilton [Nancy Crotts] Withers; E. L. Cline, Jr., Mrs. McDonald [Christina Aids] Wyatt, Mrs. Tom [Mary Elizabeth Sweet] Rufty, Bryce Barger, Mrs. Lex [Mary Stillwell] Ritchie, and Curtis Cobb.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT: superintendent, Stamey Carter, Jr.; assistant superintendent, Jerry Safrit; president, Paul Heilig; vice-president, Toni Cline; secretary, Jane English; treasurer, Fran Heilig; teachers, Mrs. Leo [Nell Nash] Sowers, Mrs. William S. [Nancy Carter] Ludwig, Stamey Carter, Jr., John Bentley, and Jerry Safrit.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT: president, Karen Rawling; vice-president, Brock Smith; secretary, Jane Shuping; treasurer, Mike Feezor; pianist, Edith Folger; assistant secretary, Becky Peeler; assistant treasurer, Don Mowery; teachers, George Schladensky and Mrs. John Robert [Hesta Kitchen] Crawford, Jr.

As the monthly Luther League supper meetings continued, in January 1960 Ingrid Aaraas, a special Fulbright student at Catawba College, was speaker. As a Norwegian Lutheran dressed in her native costume, she shared with the group the religious, social, and educational customs of her country.

Members of St. John's youth attended a president's conference held at St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, on February 6 and 7, 1960. George Busby, president of St. John's Senior Young People, Bobby Busby, president of St. John's Intermediate Young People, and Karen Rawling, publicity chairman of the state Luther League, represented St. John's at the annual Luther League of North Carolina meeting. Robert Sims,

a member of St. John's Church and student at Southern Seminary, was the main speaker at the banquet held on Saturday night.

According to the April *St. John's Journal*, a meeting of the West Northern District of the Luther League of North Carolina held April 3, the St. John's Luther League was referred to as the "largest Luther League east of the Mississippi."

Little information is available concerning activities in the next two years. With the departure of Assistant Pastor Lineberger in January 1962 and the arrival in September of a new assistant pastor, Rev. Terry W. Agner, changes were proposed. Upon the recommendation of the Youth Committee, composed of representative persons from parents and the young people, in December the Luther League, Junior and Senior High's returned to the practice of weekly meetings at the church at 6:30 p.m. The monthly dinner meeting was kept, however, with the change that the young people themselves rather than ladies of the ULCW assist the Church hostess, Mrs. Carl Julian, in serving the meal. Light refreshments were planned rather than a supper. In 1962 advisors for the Senior Highs were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis Tatum and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McQueen.

In 1963 both pastors resigned to accept other calls: Pastor Efird to Wisconsin in March and Pastor Agner to China Grove in July. The Young Adult group, along with the Senior group, continued with Mrs. L. G. [Katherine Cress] Goodman, Jr., as teacher. The Junior group teachers were Oliver Rufty, Mrs. Lamar [Ellen Hudson] Trexler, Curtis Cobb, and Mrs. Mac Wyatt (substitute). The Intermediate group had as teachers Mrs. Bill [Ora Brown] Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Max [Margaret Jarvis] Busby, and Stamey Carter. Thomas W. Kern, vice-chairman of the Council, was pleased to state that the church activities and functions, though curtailed to some extent, had continued on a very high plane considering the lack of a regular pastor's spiritual leadership. With joy, therefore, the congregation welcomed Rev. Robert Douglas Fritz on December 1, 1963, from Bethany Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Concurrent with the announcement of the call to Pastor Fritz, the Senior Luther League reported a planning retreat at Lutheridge in August with proposed program topics on race, one's neighbor's faith, right and wrong, original sin, and putting one's best foot forward, as well as worship services. Projects the group accepted were such things as inventory of the church, packing clothing for world relief, collecting magazines and Christmas cards for missionary work, helping in the church nursery, and sponsoring the Penny Parade (a synod project). Ronnie Smith, Senior League President, stated that the Senior League was proud to have a part in promoting and extending the program of St. John's. He was assisted by Vice-president Bill Ludwig, Secretary

Nancy Carter, and Treasurer Elizabeth Whittecar with league advisors Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis [Frances Lynne Foil] Tatum.

After Pastor Fritz arrived at St. John's, the Call Committee began searching for an assistant pastor. The call was extended and accepted by Charles Earnest Brooks, a graduating senior at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, to begin service at St. John's on June 15, 1964.

Three months later, the League activities for July and August were reported in *St. John's Journal*. At the second annual convention of the North Carolina Unit of the Luther League of the Lutheran Church in America, held at Lenoir-Rhyne College July 22-25, St. John's was represented by delegates Nancy Carter and Elizabeth Whittecar, visitors Elizabeth Miller and John Rawling, Pastor Brooks, and convention organizer Arthur Honeychurch. During the convention St. John's leaguers, John Rawling and Nancy Carter, were elected to the fifteen-member Synodical Executive Committee, which co-ordinates the functions and projects of the LL-LCA in the North Carolina Synod. Elizabeth Whittecar was appointed by the Administrative Committee to serve as a member of the 1965 Convention Committee.

During the weekend of August 7-9, a retreat was held at Lutheridge by sixteen leaguers, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Tatum, Jr., advisor; Pastor Brooks; and four other adults. The purposes of this retreat were to plan and consider constructive programs for the coming year, a budget, and ways to stimulate interest in the League among members in the congregation of League age.

Under the supervision of the adult leaders and chaperones, Open House was held on Friday nights during July and August in the building adjacent to the church for the enjoyment of St. John's youth and their friends.

St. John's Intermediate League started off the summer with a cookout on the church lawn, recreational activities, and a discussion of Juvenile Court led by Clerk of Superior Court Frances Fulk [Mrs. Archie] Rufty. The next meeting was recreational. Then another cookout was held at the home of Raymond Rufty where the leaguers enjoyed volleyball and delicious hot dogs. Mrs. Rufty returned for another discussion, this time on Jackson Training School, in anticipation of a trip there the next week. Leaguers reported "the trip to the school held many surprises. The school is clean, nicely kept and completely operated by the boys. There are approximately 350 boys."

At the synodical convention, John Rawling had been elected as one of the twelve delegates to represent North Carolina at the International Luther League Convention at Waterloo University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 23-27, 1964. The delegates made the plane trip accompanied by

Perry Beaver, the NCLL president, and three pastors who serve the League in advisory capacities.

A highlight of the League Christmas Banquet of 1964 was the special speaker Mr. Kuzyo ("Frankie") Miyaishe, Southern Seminary student who had taken a great interest in prisoners of the Columbia Penitentiary. He invited the youth to donate books for the prisoners. At the Japanese meal, served amidst appropriate decorations including multicolored paper lanterns, the leaguers used chopsticks. After the meal, they enjoyed the Japanese Cherry Blossom dance demonstrated by "Frankie." He told the story of his life as a young Buddhist seeking the meaning of life and finding it in Jesus Christ, and he encouraged his spellbound hearers to have a truly spiritual Christmas in sharing their faith with others.

The weekend Open House concept begun during the previous summer was extended during special hours on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday afternoons for the school year. The young people of St. John's had refurbished the "Filling Station" into a Youth Center with a TV lounge, recreation area, juke-box, ping pong and billiard tables, and comfortable furniture. Thirty adult couples volunteered to be chaperones.

By February 1965 the congregation's building plans were revealed for a \$750,000 expansion of the church to meet the educational and youth-program needs of the parish. The plans became a reality in January 1968 as the "Filling Station" was replaced with the youth center located in the building housing the chapel, library, Sunday School rooms, and business offices.

Some of the activity of League members in 1965 was directed toward preparing for a summertime Lutheran adventure. Twenty-seven young people of St. John's participated in an LCA youth conference in Miami held August 24-29 which included 8,000 participants from all of the United States of America. Under the theme "Called to Discipleship Today" the youth heard Dr. Hagen Staack, a NBC-TV Bible lecturer; Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president of the LCA; Dr. Robert Marshall, president of the Illinois Synod and future president of the LCA; and the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, vice-president of the United States. Those who attended this conference, which set the precedent for other "big trips," were Rita Gail Rufty, Martha Cline, James Robert Carmichael, Elizabeth Whittecar, Elizabeth Miller, Terry Kern, Brenda Hartley, Joyce Patterson, Marcia Harris, Scott Carter, Mike Edwards, Jeanie Driscoll, Leigh Brown, Rick Hampton, John Heilig, Nancy Carter, Judy Thompson, Annabelle Baily, Bobbie Pruitt, Bob Brady, Sara Lynn Peeler, Kathy Crowell, John Rawling, Lynn Myers, Rick Reynolds, Cecilia Trexler, "Buzzy" Cobb, Ronnie Smith, Ruth Whittecar, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tatum and Pastor Brooks.



Christina Aids Wyatt, facing camera, nurse, teacher, and chaperone on 1968 "Big Trip" conversing with her husband, McDonald Wyatt, and a parent.



As parents stand by, Luther Leaguers enter bus for a three-week western adventure, 1968. Pastor Brooks, facing camera, was leader of the first "Big Trip" at St. John's.

Other "big trips" were to follow as the educational and inspirational nature of these special events were appreciated by parents and youth alike. Pastor Brooks noted in announcing the Great Western Journey in August 1968: "The educational value of this trip is tremendous. Most will see things they have never seen before and all gain a better appreciation of their country. But three weeks of living together in a Christian group setting will outweigh any other value. There will be limitless opportunity for sharing of concerns, living in Christian love, and discussing the Christian faith and its application to life." The journey included such places as the Passion Play in the Black Hills; Yellowstone National Park; and Holden Village, a youth retreat center near Spokane, Washington. The group returned by the southern route visiting Disneyland, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, and San Antonio, Texas. The adults included Mrs. McDonald Wyatt, a nurse; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne [Kathryn Wagoner] Koontz; and Pastor and Mrs. C. Earnest [Jo Anne Cloninger] Brooks. On their return, Pastor Brooks resigned to accept a call from First Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He had served for four years in effective youth ministry.



St. John's Youth Group visits with children in Puerto Plato,
Dominican Republic, 1971.

Under the supervision of Assistant Pastor Hollis A. Miller, who had been called to St. John's in 1969, a Senior High Summer Cruise was held in June of 1971 as the third "big trip" with a bus trip to Miami and then the Cruiseship *Boheme* to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The youth were accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sowers. Although it was not considered a "big trip," the youth of St. John's traveled in 1972 to New York City to visit St. John's Lutheran Church in Greenwich Village and observe and experience its ministry to runaway youth. This St. John's in New York City was the location of the birthplace of the Luther League. Their League introduced the Salisbury youth, through "Operation Eye-Opener," to the non-glamorous life of a big city and the tragic stories of the runaways. *The Salisbury Post* headlined the event as "St. John's Youth Group 'Lives' New York City."



IN THE CITY — Members of St. John's Lutheran Church look over New York City where they visited and lived for three days in Greenwich Village. The group was greeted not only by a sign but three photogenic youngsters.

With Pastor Ed Long as leader, in August 1974 a fourteen-day "big trip" was taken to Gettysburg, Niagara Falls, Montreal, Saratoga Springs, Philadelphia, and Lancaster. The \$200 cost for each person was earned by many of the youth. On their return, the youth related to the Sunday School their excitement as well as their experience of shared responsibilities on the trip, which enabled them to visit historical sites and other interesting and beautiful places.

In 1977 the "big trip" was to the Southwest, a visit to Mexico, and then to New Orleans under the leadership of the new pastor, David Huddle, who was to go on two more trips—one in 1980 to Boston and one in 1983 to Colorado and the Rockies. Each of these events created unforgettable moments in the lives of St. John's youth in seeing their great country, in the experience of Christian group living, and in learning more about themselves and each other as Luther League members in the church.

From September 1968 until June 1969, while St. John's had been without an assistant pastor, a Youth Council coordinated the youth activities. The Youth Committee had a continuing interest in keeping in touch with St. John's college students, and a covered dish supper for these students was held in the Center of the new educational complex. Under the guidance of this Council the Intermediate League prepared special packages for shipment to St. John's men and women in service in Vietnam and throughout the world. These packages included Kool Aid to make the water palatable, a miniature Christmas tree with decorations, toothpaste and brush, and other items hard to get over there. The Senior League baked and mailed cookies to all St. John's college students and participated in get-acquainted programs with youth of other churches. This activity led to an inter-faith retreat at Lutheridge in April of 1969 while the Junior Highs planned a retreat at Kure Beach in May.

With the coming of Assistant Pastor Hollis A. Miller in June of 1969, the youth groups completed a busy summer: Intermediates with a cook-out, trips to Albemarle's Rock Creek Park and Morrow Mountain, a film, and softball and volleyball games. They concluded the season with a Summer Party in the Center. Their officers were Melanie Rufty, Ronda Jordan, and Kathy Heath with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tadlock as advisors. The Senior Highs ended the summer with a big Hawaiian Luau. Their officers included Richard Whittecar, Debra Beaver, Ruby Rufty, and Stamey Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Norde [Kay Goodman] Wilson were their advisors.

In the fall of 1969, an opinion poll was taken in the Adult Sunday School with results of the section on the youth program summarized as follows:

Yes	No	OPINION POLL STATEMENTS
100	3	I think St. John's has a good youth program.
4	89	I think we give too much emphasis to our youth.
32	10	My children read <i>Tell It Like It Is</i> .
58	19	I think our young people need the Center open more on weekends.
51	17	Our youth need more retreat activities.
61	5	5th and 6th Graders can benefit from retreats.
74	9	Sunday School departments should have outings together.
75	11	Our 3 year (7th to 9th) confirmation program is just right.

Forty-two of the adults responding had youngsters involved while the remainder had opinions on the youth program.

In September 1970, Senior Highs and Junior Highs had the opportunity to hear the Rev. Porter Seiwel, campus pastor at Catawba College, conduct a series of meetings on Youth and Family Life. Mr. Seiwel's topics for Seniors and their parents were "Getting Ready for College" and "Preparing Your Young Person for College." Other topics for all youth and also Junior Highs included "Present Problems of Junior High Youth" and "The New Generation: 1970." These were supper meetings at which the needs of parents and youth were addressed as an expression of concern by St. John's pastors.

What's a "Work-in"? Twenty Senior High Leaguers completed a "work and worship" weekend in February 1971 with the youth of Advent Lutheran Church in Charlotte and Pastor Henry McKay. Advent was a mission congregation worshipping in an old house. St. John's youth helped in painting and some carpentering and participated in Advent's Youth Sunday, reported Pastor Miller.

In May 1971 St. John's hosted the first weekend convention of the North Carolina Synod with over five hundred delegates and pastors. Bill Porter was St. John's youth delegate, and Luther Leaguers participated as pages during the sessions from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

It is interesting to note that children of the "baby boom" following World War II had completed high school. In 1971 the *Journal* recorded that seventy-four youth of St. John's were attending college. Six years

later it was reported that sixty-three students were in twenty-eight different institutions of higher learning. Although St. John's continued to grow, the declining birthrate was to lead eventually to smaller Luther League groups in the future. This is indicated by the smaller confirmation classes reported in the 1970's.

In the early '70's retreats played a big part in special Luther League programming. Following a special adult retreat in April 1972 at Lutheridge, thirty-two Senior Luther Leaguers participated in a spiritual life and growth retreat at Blowing Rock on a weekend in September. Retreat leaders were Pastor Miller and Mr. and Mrs. John [Ann Crouch] Isenhour, Jr. League officers at that time were Gaye Isenhour, Carolyn Loeblein, Beth Crayton, and Wayne Cobb. Junior Highs held a retreat at Camp Murray-Lynbrook, Tanglewood, in November. Thirty leaguers participated with retreat leader Pastor Miller and advisors Eleanor Sifford and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald [Janice Casper] Raper. At the end of his fifth year, Pastor Miller resigned to become a mission developer in the Southport area in the eastern part of North Carolina.

One of the concluding events which was a tribute to Pastor Miller's work with St. John's youth was the unusual service presented on Youth Sunday, January 1973. The youth presented "The Winds of God," a service of readings and music, prepared by the Junior and Senior Highs. Sandy Hoffman and Graham Carlton accompanied the group on guitars, and Sandy also provided a classical cello piece for the Offertory. A procession of posters and very moving sermons by Gaye Isenhour and Wayne Cobb made it a stirring service for the congregation.

In May the congregation called Rev. E. Edward Long for a team ministry with Pastor Fritz and thus eliminated the titles of assistant and associate. Pastor Long accepted greater responsibility for youth work, parish education, church property, social ministry, and communication while Pastor Fritz accepted greater responsibility for worship and music, evangelism, finance and stewardship, archives and history, and the ushers. Pastor Fritz was also responsible for general administration of the congregation and its professional and clerical staff.

To plan for the coming year, Pastor Long made use of the retreat pattern with Senior High officers at the Harris cottage in Boone in August. A "Folk Song Service," which had been used on several occasions after 1968, was held at the 11 a.m. service in September. The "conventional" service was provided at the 8:45 a.m. service. In December the Junior High group adopted a needy family as their special ministry throughout the year.

Emphasis on youth participation in leading congregational worship has had a long history in St. John's and has been a way to point out the importance of youth work in the congregation and to give youth a sense of being real partners in the church. In the days of Pastor P.



A Senior High League Retreat at Camp Agape, 1975.

D. Brown a Vesper Service was held each Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The earliest mention of youth providing the leadership for this service was in February 1942, when they gave a drama, "Prelude to Dawn," the story of the mission in South India. There were semi-annual times when youth took over the Vesper Service, either for a mission emphasis or for a Life Service program at which time a solemn Candlelight Installation of League officers would be held. From 1942 through early 1949, guest speakers for these special Vesper Services included visiting missionaries Dr. K. L. Grady Cooper (China), Catharine Stirewalt (China), Barbara and Sterling Whitener (China), and Home Mission pastor Rev. Marion Starr, as well as Mrs. Kishi, wife of the president of the Japanese Lutheran Seminary.

The first time that youth were involved in the 11 a.m. service was on September 18, 1949, called Youth Sunday, when those twelve years old or older in the youth group were invited to sit together as a group. The loose offering went to support the work of the Luther League of America. The next year with Dr. Voigt Cromer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College as preacher, Miss Peggy Henry, president of the Luther League, brought greetings at the 1950 Youth Sunday Service.

During the mid-1950s and early 1960s Youth Sunday banquets were held such as the ones in 1955 in the "Filling Station" and 1956 in the Fellowship Hall. In 1965, the youth Sunday celebration was expanded into a Youth Emphasis Week and the youth at both Sunday worship

services were asked to read the Scripture, usher, and take up the communion cups. This was the pattern until the Youth Sunday Folk Service in January 1969. This service, which brought folk tunes to the works of the Lutheran liturgy, had been successfully used at a special Reformation Service at St. John's the year before. The singing by the pastor and congregation was accompanied by a bass and several stringed instruments along with the organ. The young people read the lessons, served as ushers, and sang in the choir.

By January of 1971 the young people were allowed more and more responsibility for a traditional worship service. On that Youth Sunday the sermon was delivered by several Senior High youth members on the theme "Hope through Love." The message was conveyed by means of readings and chancel drama, reading of Scripture lessons, and participation by the Junior Choir and Senior League Chorale at the 11 a.m. service. In 1972 the youth were in charge of a "traditional" service on January 30. In keeping with the bicentennial celebrations in the United States in 1976, the youth gave a service "Tell It Like It Was," using an early Lutheran liturgy of the 1780's with youth in early American dress.

For the next few years the month for Youth Sunday shifted—April in 1977 and 1978, and May in 1979. Since 1980, with the exception of that in March 1982, Youth Sunday has been observed with a Youth Sunday breakfast, then a general meeting of all ages for Sunday School, and with youth providing the traditional service at 11 a.m.

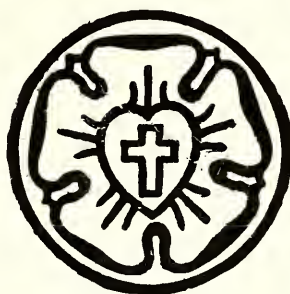
In St. John's archives is a framed motto with the text, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." This text has been the primary theme of youth work in St. John's. A listing of 1980 youth activities, which have become traditional in the work with young people at St. John's, will illustrate: Besides fellowship events including trips to college and to seminary, the Senior High League conducted a morning worship service under the supervision of the pastor and advisors, held a Parent's Night as an expression of appreciation to their parents, gave a Halloween party for parish children, baked cookies for nurses at Rowan Memorial Hospital, provided an Easter Egg Hunt for small children, cooked and served breakfast to the congregation, and attended retreats and district rallies. As many as eighty-seven of St. John's young people participated in a CROP walk to raise money for the world hunger appeal.

The impact of this youth ministry is shown in the way the names of people who were League officers also show up in later years in leadership positions in the church here in Salisbury as well as in the Synod and the Lutheran Church in America. It was typical to have a St. John's senior selected for participation in a national program. In October 1980, Lane Harvey went as a North Carolina representative to a seminar

on world hunger held at the United Nations site in New York City as well as in Washington, D. C. This seminar was sponsored by the Division for Parish Services, Lutheran Church in America.

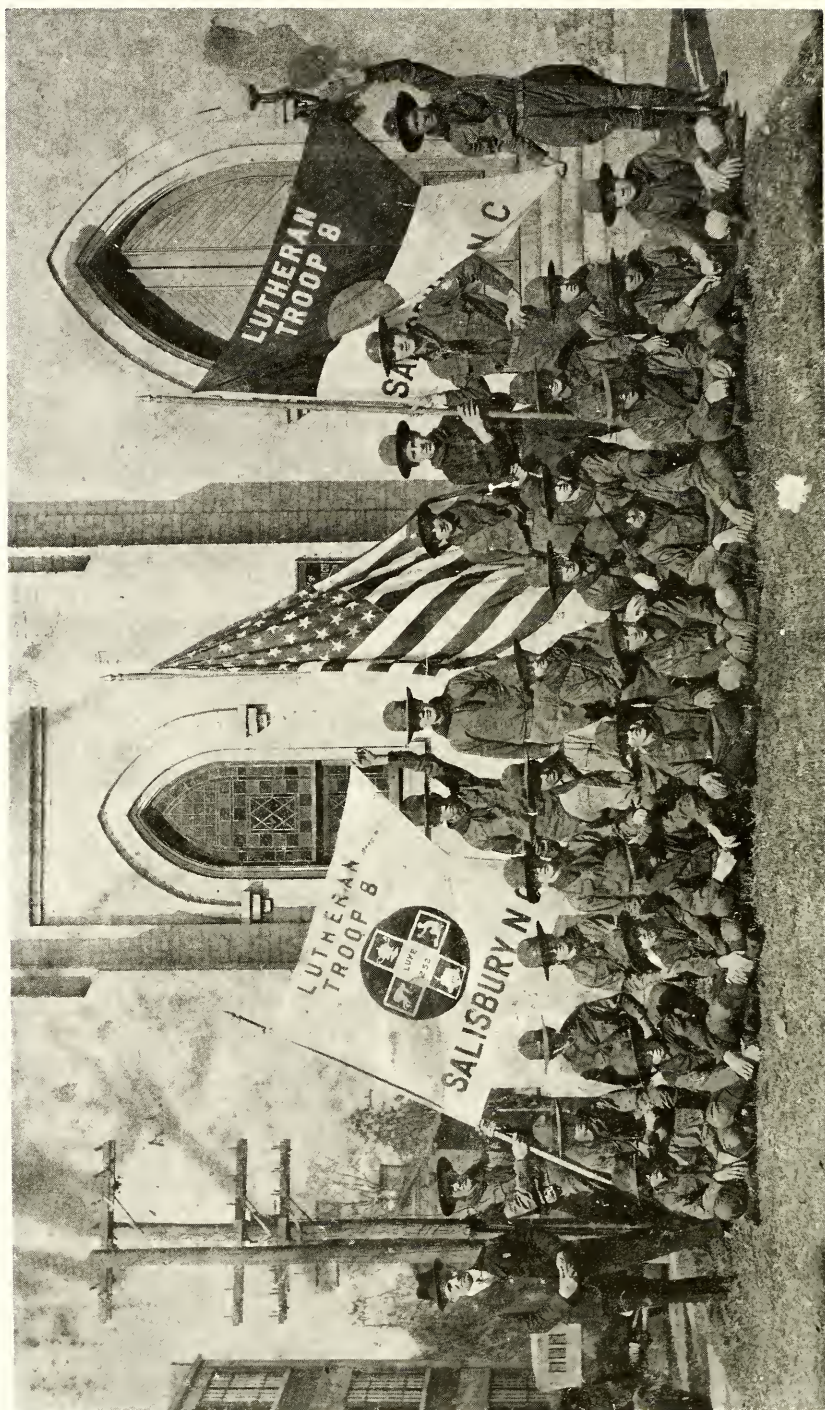
Having begun in 1896, the youth work in St. John's has been varied, but it has always been possible because there were adults who cared enough to work with the young people in their ministry as members of the Church. This ministry and heritage continue.

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CHAPTER SIX

SCOUTS, SPORTS, AND THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY CLUB

Introduction

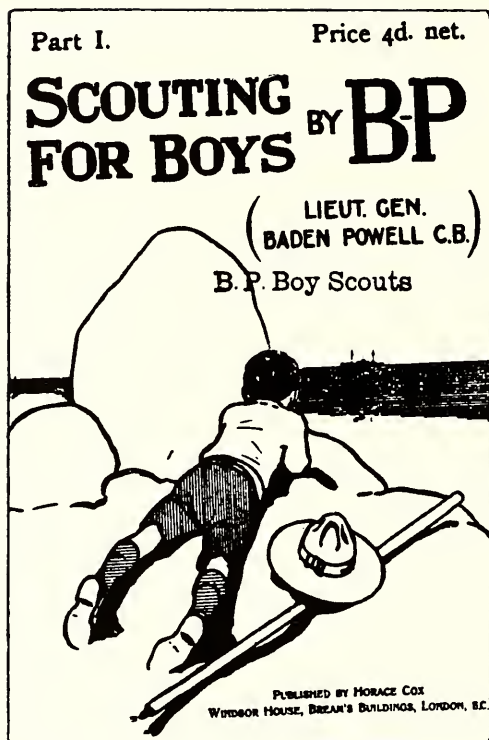
Churches are social as well as religious organizations. They not only provide an avenue for spiritual development and service but for the social and character building needs of their members. St. John's is not unique. Over the years, it has started and maintained many groups which are fun to belong to and in which friendships grow and character is built. Among these groups are the scouting programs of St. John's, the various team sports, and the Golden Opportunity Club.

BOY SCOUTS

by Frederick G. Gotwald

Scouting in America grew out of the concern by adult men that boys grow up to be good men, doing their duty to God, to their country, and to other people. It had its beginning through the experiences of Lieutenant General, later Sir, Robert Baden-Powell of Great Britain with native trackers in the Boer War in Africa. He admired the way these trackers seemed more alert to their surroundings, had better imagination in unraveling clues, and better information about what was happening around them. All of these qualities seemed to give them nobility of character, a sense of their own worth and an assurance of being able to handle things. Baden-Powell saw in military scouting ingredients that he believed would be attractive to boys and would develop their character in the process. After consideration, he added the ingredient of the sergeant and his squad: older boys leading younger ones under the supervision of adults. On his retirement in 1905, he developed a sixty-page booklet which he filled with programs of instruction, yarns, and activities and games written to appeal to a boy's craving for adventure and longing for activity. It worked with youth in populous cities with time and trouble on their hands. The Boy Scout movement spread like wildfire.

Two years before the formal founding of Boy Scouts in England, an American, Daniel Carter Beard (1850-1941) had organized in 1905, the "Boy Pioneers, Sons of Daniel Boone." Beard was soon to be known to American Boy Scouts as "Uncle Dan." His work focused on the distinctive



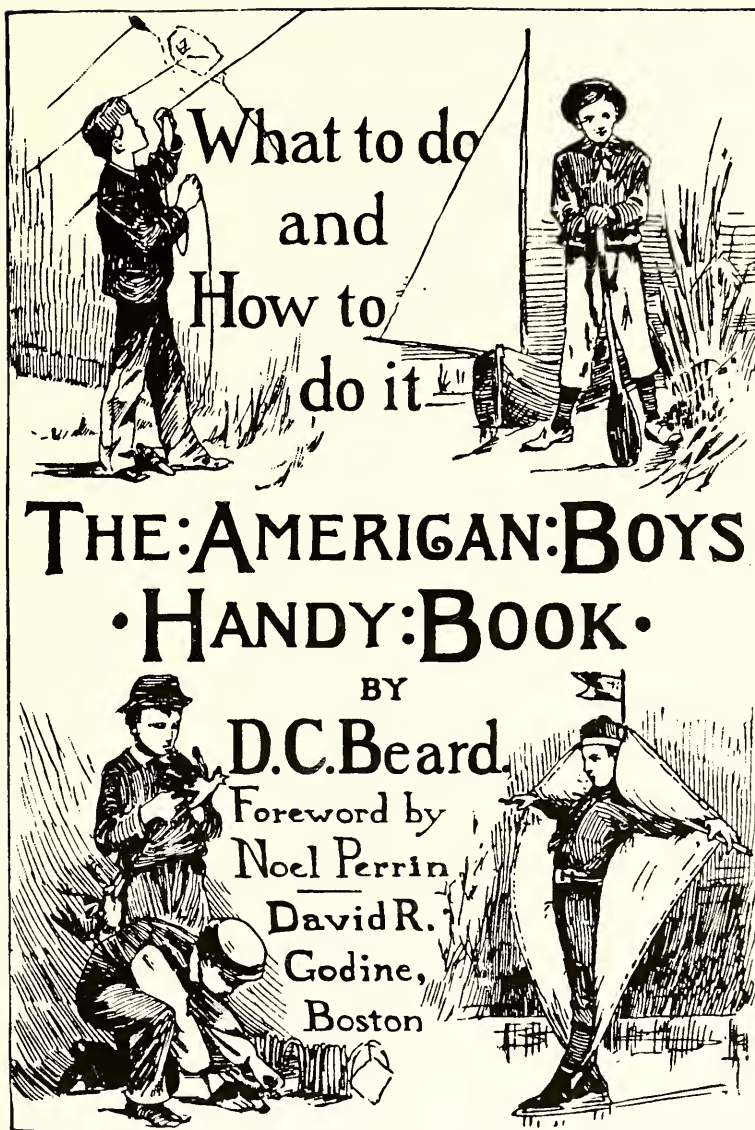
Original issue of *Scouting for Boys*
with cover design by John Hassall, 1908.

lore of American Indian life rather than the Indian and African lore of British Boy Scouts. By combining the imaginative qualities of tracking with the leadership of learning-by-doing of the military squad around the outdoor setting of native life, a movement was born that appealed to men and boys. Dan Beard immediately became a leader in this movement. He was National Scout Commissioner in America from 1910 until his death.

Boy Scouts is an organization for boys, eight to eighteen, that helps them become better world citizens. Scouts in all parts of the world learn to do their duty to God, to their country, and to other people. In a broad program of work and play, they learn by

doing while living up to their motto, "Be Prepared," and practicing the slogan, "Do a good turn daily." The organization has developed in later years three programs for various age levels, Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Exploring. When possible programs are held in the outdoors in woodcraft, camping, signaling, swimming, outdoor cooking, map making, and first aid.

Scouting came to Salisbury two years after World War I under the inspiration and work of T. B. Marsh, Jr., who organized eight troops and established a Scout Council of twenty persons representing the sponsoring organizations during the years 1920-22. He built on the interest in work with older boys that was sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association. The YMCA organized an Older Boys Conference for October 11, 1920, when 154 young people from this region came together to meet in First Methodist and First Baptist churches for a song service lead by Miles E. Marsh, Jr., speeches by community leaders, and a barbeque at the fair grounds. The purpose of the conference was to encourage an enthusiasm in the group to join their local Sunday



The American Boys Handy Book by D.C. Beard
was first published in 1890.

School classes, High School clubs, Employed Brotherhood groups, and the Boy Scouts. By October 13, T. B. Marsh, Jr., had organized two troops, Chestnut Hill Troop #2 and Kesler Mills Troop #3 with P. H. Meroney and Jim Farrington in charge. By January 5, 1921, a Scout Council had been formed with four troops numbered 2-5. Dr. Frank Marsh told Bill Bost that Troop #1 formed by the Episcopal rector sometime before had been abandoned with a change of pastorates.

Salisbury's Rotarians with their Boy's Work Committee acquired a camp at Palmerville near Badin on the Yadkin River where forty boy scouts in June had a nine-day encampment with Scoutmasters J. H. McKenzie and Farrington and Scout Commissioner T. B. Marsh in charge. In July the camp was used by the older employed groups of the YMCA.

In January of 1922 Boy Scout Troop #6 was organized, sponsored by First Methodist Church, and in February the First Baptist Church established Troop #7. In March 1922, twelve years after Boy Scouts in America was founded, an application was filed for "Charter for a New Troop" to meet at St. John's. The troop committee members were R. L. Bernhart, E. W. G. Huffman, and H. C. Petrea. Scoutmaster W. Luther Miller and Assistant Scoutmaster E. Lamont Weber were leaders for Troop #8 which in September of that year showed fourteen boys ages thirteen to fifteen, all ranked Tenderfoot, who met Friday evenings at 7:30. That original troop enrollment included B. W. Barger, Clarence Cox, Alan Dobey, Odell Elliott, James Hall, Sam Hall, Dick Lentz, Frank Morris, Frank Peeler, Armin Roseman, Ralph Sifford, Walter Poole, Gregory Peeler, and Frank Stoessel.

A report to the National Council in 1922 revealed this new troop was to meet in church rooms on Fridays under the jurisdiction of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Sunday School of which T. A. Andrews was superintendent. St. John's recognized the troop as an official part of work for boys. Membership was not limited to the boys affiliated with this church although 175 boys were of scout age at St. John's at that time when the population of Salisbury was 14,000.

By 1925 another application for Charter of a New Troop was made by Scoutmaster James L. Fisher and Assistant Scoutmaster Junius Fisher as Troop #8 had become "dormant" because of a lack of interest. At this reorganization St. John's Troop was given the #1 with a Troop Committee including C. W. Isenhour, R. L. Bernhart, and L. V. Fisher. Membership in this troop was limited to boys who attended Sunday School at St. John's where A. H. Snider was superintendent. By October 1925 Salisbury's population had grown to 25,000. Troop enrollment included James Barger, Bill Bost, Bill Busby, Walter Cook, Chapman Crawford, Junius Fisher, Ray Fisher, Roscoe Fisher, Carl Fisher, Earle Fisher, Dwight Fink, Carl Frederick, Brown Fink, Joe Gardner, John

Henry Isenhour, Charles Hodges, Frank Irvin, Paul Kerns, Joe Lyerly, Edward Leonard, Haywood Miller, George Odell, Bruce Ridenhour, Rufus Safrit, Eugene Safrit, Bill Shoaf, Carson Tatum, Carl Frederick Smith, and Wilbur Rimer. By the next year Dwight Fink, Baker Lyerly, Lewis Peeler, Bill Talbert, Paul Kerns, Joe Gwinn, Archie Rufty, James Safrit, Charles Safrit, Henry Tysinger, Arthur Crowell, Emmet Cruse, and Rollin Odell had joined the troop.

Troop #1 which became #43 in 1928, and later labeled #443, has had a continuous existence since 1925. The activities for that first year included four week-end camps and over-night hikes with an average number of twenty-nine boys participating. One day-hike involved thirty-three boys walking sixteen miles. Significant individual or community "Good Turns" included receiving delegates at Baptist Young People's Union convention, taking charge of prayer meeting in church, participating in church pageant, operating a "Scout Garden," receiving school teachers at State convention, winning the inter-troop contest which lasted three months, winning prize for the best drilled in Parade, and receiving credit for the first Star Scout in the City. Two years later St. John's scouts served as messengers and receptionists for the National Luther League Convention, hosted by St. John's July 2-5, 1927. In more recent years additional challenges for St. John's scouts have been white water rafting and white water canoeing in rivers in North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia; hiking historic trails ranging from Charleston, South Carolina, to Washington, D. C.; and attending the National Scout Jamboree annually. A favorite experience has been wilderness camping around the mountain town of Boone in the wintertime.

Throughout the years a boy in the scouting program at St. John's had the opportunity to appreciate and develop his skills in a great variety of categories, develop his mind in a self-confident and positive attitude, develop his body for service and survival, and continue to develop his faith in God. Badges are given for each level of accomplishment attained, culminating in the Eagle as the highest scout award. Through 1983, those in St. John's troop who have attained the rank of Eagle are Clyde Sowers, 1929; William Gray Loflin, Jr., 1949; Robert C. Link, 1950; Bevan Barringer, 1952; Hugh Thompson, 1952; Baxter Mowery, 1955; Don Mowery, 1955; Rudy Busby, 1957; Johnny Misenheimer, 1960; Randy Reamer, 1960; Don Weinhold, Jr., 1960; Bill Troxler, 1961; David Troxler, 1963; Donny C. Wood, 1964; Henry Trexler, 1968; Martin MacDowell, 1967; Richard Hartnig, 1970; Richard Whittecar, 1969; Matt Trexler, 1973; Mark Trexler, 1973; Jon McCathren, 1975; Derek Long, 1975; Daniel Waggoner, 1976; Jim Loeblein, 1977; Tom Loeblein, 1977; Bennett Parker, 1977; Charlie Harriss, 1981; Bruce Ketner, 1982; and Jay Frick, 1982. It is of interest to note the signature of the incumbent president of the United States on each Eagle Scout certificate in

addition to the signatures of the Scout president and chief Scout executive. The president of the United States serves also as honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America makes available to Lutheran congregations an excellent leisure time program which can be effective for helping boys of the community, especially those associated with the congregation, to grow in their ability to live as Christian citizens and make a positive contribution to the community. The concern of the Boy Scouts of America for the spiritual growth of the boy is evidenced by the twelfth point in the Scout Law: "A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward



Mrs. Donald L. Weinhold, Sr., pins the *Pro Deo et Patria* badge on her son, Donald Weinhold, Jr., as Mr. Weinhold, Sr., and Scoutmaster Paul Smith, left, look on. Pastor Efird made the presentation, 1961.

God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion." The *Pro Deo et Patria* emblem was provided by the Lutheran Church to recognize those Scouts who give evidence of their faith, worship, witness, world outreach, and service through the religious activities of this program. Many of those who earned the rank of Eagle have also earned the *Pro Deo et Patria* award at St. John's.

Fifty years of scouting at St. John's was celebrated on October 17, 1975, with two special events. At the eleven o'clock worship service Dan Waggoner received his Eagle rank in a special ceremony. On Sunday evening the celebration continued with a hamburger supper prepared by the scouts for the eighty-four people attending the event. The program highlighted many of the St. John's troop activities and events in the past half-century.

St. John's Scoutmasters have been W. L. Miller, 1922; J. L. Fisher, 1925-26 and 1947; E. Lamont Weber, 1927-28 and 1931-34; Clifford Peeler, 1929-30; R. A. Safrit, 1935; W. C. Bost, 1935-39 and 1948-53; Oliver J. Rufty, 1940-42; M. B. Mattox, 1943-45; Stafford L. Swing, 1946; B. R. Withers, Jr., 1953-54; Paul S. Smith, 1955-65; Willie Shaver, 1967-70; Lamar Trexler, 1970-1981; and Henry Trexler, 1981-1983. Assistant



Scoutmaster Lamar Trexler with Dan Waggoner, left, and Derek Long, scouts who would receive the Eagle Award in the fiftieth year of scouting at St. John's, 1975-76.

scoutmasters have been Lamont Weber, Junius Fisher, Ray Fisher, H. Haywood Miller, Marcus Fisher, A. J. Morris, W. M. Cook, Jr., E. Safrit, Oliver Rufty, Tom Van Poole, Jr., Pitts Hudson, William Fulmer, Frank Earnhardt, C. A. Peeler, Edwin Van Poole, C. C. Proctor, Richard Zum Brunnen, Mack Owen, Bob C. Link, Wm. G. Loflin, Jr., Emiel Saleeby, Grady Cole, Jr., Edward Fulmer, Charles Ridenhour, Curtis E. Cobb, J. H. Wagner, Burt Harris, Harold Rufty, Clifton Weant, K. V. Epting, Jr., Jerry Safrit, McDonald Wyatt, George Lyerly, George Busby, Harold Hinkle, Dan Dagenhart, Lloyd Holmes, John E. Shuping, Henry Trexler, Ronald Raper, Richard Maerten, Boais Myloradowy, and Charles Tate.

The Silver Beaver award for twenty years dedicated leadership in scouting was presented to St. John's member Clifford A. Peeler in 1946. He had served in various roles including scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster, institutional representative, district chairman, teacher of leaders, Cubs, Brownies, etc. Mr. Peeler himself had attained the rank of 1st class, earning twenty-three merit badges.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout pack at St. John's acquired charter membership when Cub Scouts was officially organized in 1937 at a conference at Boy Scout Training headquarters in Mendham, New Jersey. Representing St. John's at that conference was W. C. "Bill" Bost, a young man who had become a scout as a child and grew into a leader for the groups. The article in *St. John's Journal* in January 1954 attests "Cub Scouts were unknown when he was handling the young fry in scout groups. St. John's Cub Pack preceded the national organization by several years." At the conference in New Jersey Bost helped compile material and data which became the basis of cubbing and is contained in their manual of operations and organization. St. John's Cub Scout Pack was the first to be organized in North Carolina.



William C. Bost

When supplying information for this history, Bost reminisced about his years in scouting. He mentioned outstanding Assistant Scoutmasters Marcus Fisher, Grady Cole, Jr., and Robert Love. Some of the first Junior Assistant Scoutmasters were William Fulmer, Tom Van Poole, Edwin Van Poole, Charles Proctor, and Sam Temple. Bost credited the success of the early program to the support of the assistants, many of whose names were not recalled.

Bost recognized the Scout Committee [of the Church Council, later of the Brotherhood] as the

backbone of the whole program. Some of the men he had served under were J. L. Fisher, Clifford Peeler, C. W. Isenhour, John Isenhour, and Dr. P. D. Brown. Troop 43, later 443, never went to camp or other scout functions without riding in a Cheerwine truck furnished by Mr. Clifford Peeler. He recalled, "Not only did Mr. Peeler take us to camp, etc., he brought us back."

Bost said, "I often think of the many miles I hiked, the many nights spent sleeping on the ground, camps, camporees, etc., with my scouts. The half-cooked meals I had to eat, and sometimes packing two knapsacks because one of the scouts got sick—all this was worthwhile when I think of the fine men who came out of this troop. Teachers, lawyers, doctors, dentists, salesmen, businessmen of all types, ministers, politicians, etc. Everytime I meet one of my old troop we have to stop and recall events that happened while we were in B.S.A. Troop #43 or #443. I'm sure that such encounters would inflate any old scoutmaster's ego."

A smattering of cub activities through the years, in addition to weekly and monthly meetings and camping, have been kite making and flying with prizes awarded for First Kite in the Air, Highest Flying Kite, Largest Kite, Smallest Kite, Hardest Pulling Kite, Prettiest Kite, and Most Unusual Kite; the annual Blue and Gold Banquet; display of models which ranged from monsters to late model cars; provided devotions on various occasions; going to the Ice Capades, and performing a skit about the first Thanksgiving written by Mrs. Hazel Henderlite. At the annual Christmas party each cub brought a gift for exchange with a fellow scout. Each cub also brought another gift of a toy for a needy child in the Salisbury area.

According to an article in *The League Speaks* in February, 1953,

the Cub and Brownie Scouts held a fine banquet on Tuesday night at the Church. Over 170 youngsters, their parents, and friends were present. Mr. Brown Ketner made the address and Mr. Ross Garrison brought greetings from the local scout council. Much credit is due the Den mothers who planned and made this affair possible.

Some of the earliest den mothers were Mrs. Helen Mattox Dare, Mrs. Max Brockman, and Mrs. George Busby. Mr. Clifford Peeler reported to Church Council in December 1942 that plans for organizing three dens in a cub scouting program were underway. In August 1946, *The League Speaks*, a newspaper at St. John's, gave recognition to the scouting programs including the "reorganization of the cub pack which had lain dormant for several years [during World War II]. The pack, for boys ages 9-11, led by Cubmaster Jimmy Lynch and Den Mothers Mrs. Clifford Peeler and Mrs. Sam J. Bame, was associated with Uwharrie Council. Cubs were John Robert Crawford, Jr., Arthur Julian Glover,



A Cub Scout flying his self-made kite, circa 1940.

Charles Heilig, Jr., Edwin Kline, Eugene Lampert, Larry Peeler, Jimmy Pridgen, Charles Lewis Sowers, Lewis Tatum, and Paul Temple.

Cubmasters for St. John's have been Bill Bost, Jimmy Lynch, Johnny Miller, Mack Wood, Bill Alsobrooks, Fletcher Cauble, Emmette Thompson, Jim Morton, Tommy Ludwig, Don Bowden, Bob Smith (Webolos), Stiles Markey, Mrs. R. B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Frick.

Den mothers for St. John's Cubs in addition to Mrs. Dare, Mrs. Brockman, Mrs. Busby, Mrs. Peeler, and Mrs. Bame, have been Mrs. W. S. Ludwig, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Wilson Smith, Mrs.

Edward Cline, Mrs. Paul Carter, Mrs. Joe Seawell, Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Shirley Ritchie, Mrs. Hazel Henderlite, Mrs. Ellen Trexler, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Marsha Frick, and Mrs. Nancy Lippard.



Kite-flying Cubs and their families, circa 1940.

Explorer Post

In the history of scouting at St. John's, there have been at least three occasions of organizing a Senior Scout program for those young men fourteen years old or older.

The August 1946 issue of *The League Speaks* records "the Senior Scout program deals with the boys [age] 15 up." An explanation of this phase of Scouting was to be presented with organization in mind to form the first Senior Scout troop in the Uwharrie Council. In 1952 R. E. Carmichael is listed as Explorer Advisor. A second organization recorded in April 1954 in *St. John's Journal*:

"An Explorer Boy Scout Post has been organized at St. John's. The leaders are Curtis E. Cobb, advisor, and Roy Kluttz, assistant advisor. The church council approved the new organization and appropriated \$125 for its use in 1954 at the April meeting.

"Explorer scouting is designed to care for boys in the Scouting program fourteen years old and older. The Scouting program is carried on with an emphasis on social activities together with an active outdoor program. It is relatively new and the number of posts is relatively small in this area.

"The committee members who will assist in carrying on the work are R. E. Carmichael, chairman; Francis B. Barger, H. A. Hamilton, Leo Sowers, Jr., and Harold E. Rufty. Clifford A. Peeler is the institutional representative."

Harold Rufty was advisor 1955-57 and Jerry Safrit was advisor in 1958.

St. John's Journal for April 1961 proclaimed the formation of a third Explorer Scout Post. The advisor was Mr. Don Weinhold, and the associate advisor was Mr. E. E. Lampert, Jr. The charter was signed by members of the explorer committee: Mr. B. R. Withers, chairman, Mr. Ernest Safrit, Jr., and Mr. Sam Temple. The Explorer Scouts were Bobby Busby, Jimmy Kindley, Johnny Misenheimer, John Harris, Ronald Smith, Don Weinhold, Jr., Fulton Horton, Kemp Steen, and John Spencer.

In November, 1963, the Explorers, led by Donald L. Weinhold and Lamar Trexler, had a membership of nineteen boys. These boys were chosen by Scout Executives to represent Rowan County at Cape Canaveral, Florida. While there they were invited to give one of their pantomime performances they developed. These performances became very popular.

GIRL SCOUTS

by Barbara M. Rufty

Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927), a native of Savannah, Georgia, was founder of the Girl Scouts in America. Her husband, William Low, was a wealthy Englishman and they had homes in England, Scotland, and the United States. Among Mrs. Low's friends in England were Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell, and his sister Agnes Baden-Powell. Sir Robert, founder of the Boy Scouts in 1907, in collaboration with his sister organized the Girl Guides in 1909. While in Scotland Mrs. Low organized a troop of Girl Guides on her estate at Glenlyon. Returning to America, in 1912 she began a patrol in Savannah for she believed that an international Scout program would help promote world peace. In 1913 the name was changed from Girl Guides to Girl Scouts and in 1915 was incorporated, with national headquarters in Washington, D.C. These headquarters later moved to New York City. Mrs. Low served as president of the organization until 1920 when she was recognized as Founder of Girl Scouts in America.

Girl Scouting is for girls between the ages of seven and seventeen, where members learn the highest ideals of character and patriotism as they participate in work, play, and companionship. They learn to protect their health, practice useful skills, and become good citizens. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was founded in 1928.

To become a member the girl makes the Girl Scout Promise:

On my honor, I will try
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the Girl Scout Laws.

The personal attributes expected to develop as each girl abides by the Girl Scout Laws, are trustworthiness, loyalty, usefulness, friendliness, kindness to animals, courtesy, obedience, cheerfulness, thrift, and cleanliness in thought, word, and deed. All members of the four program levels of Girl Scouting—Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scouts—try to follow their motto, "Be Prepared," and to uphold their slogan, "Do a good turn daily."

Although records are somewhat sketchy through 1983, the first reference to Girl Scout work at St. John's was approval by the church council in June 1927, at which time a committee was appointed. The committee members were Miss Laura Dunham, Miss Ella Pinkston, and Mrs. Grace Crout. No further record of troop activity was located. Again, in January 1940, the possibility of organizing a Girl Scout Troop was presented to the church council. The council approved the plan in general, and referred the matter of supervision and control to the St. John's Scout Committee. No person was named but Mrs. Clifford [Lillian

Caldwell] Peeler was reportedly the organizer of the troop. Mr. Clifford Peeler reported to the Council in January 1943, that St. John's Scouting program consisted of cub dens, the boy scouts, and the girl scouts.

The League Speaks reported in November 1946 that Mrs. Frank [Alice L. Roseman] Hand was leader of Girl Scouts, assisted by Miss Isabelle Carpenter; in 1948 Mrs. Ruth Uzzell was leader; and in June 1949 Mrs. Uzzell was again leader of Troop #8 with twenty-one girl scouts, assisted by Mrs. L. A. [Flora Nail] Fox and Mrs. Eleanor Weber.

St. John's Journal continued reports of Girl Scout activity. In January 1956 Troop #8 was organized at St. John's. Mrs. Clifford Peeler was advisor for the group. Mrs. Julian [Frances Thompson] Krider was troop leader with Miss Eleanor Sifford assistant leader. Mrs. E. L. [Mozelle Bowden] Cline, Mrs. Charles Kluttz, Jr., Mrs. James Heilig, and Mrs. Anthony [Lucille Miller] English were the troop committee. At the time, Girl Scouting at St. John's, unlike Boy Scouts at St. John's, was an inter-denominational undertaking.

In December 1956 Eleanor Sifford received the highest award that could then be given in Girl Scouting—the Curved Bar, an award in Girl Scouting equal to the Eagle award in Boy Scouting. Two others have received this award at St. John's—Eleanor Van Poole in the early 1940s, and Rita Gail Rufty in 1962.

In November 1957 the *Journal* reported Mrs. Julian Krider continued as leader and Eleanor Sifford was assistant. In November 1963 Mrs. Harold [Barbara Ann Morris] Rufty and Mrs. Robert [Ruth Bernhardt] Miller, were leaders of Junior Troop #25; patrol leaders were Bonnie Rufty, Mary Trexler, Paula Smith, Claudia Weinhold, and Anita Carpenter. Committee members working with them were Mrs.



Eleanor Sifford

Raymond [Annie Kluttz] Rufty, Mrs. Paul [Alda Clark] Smith, Mrs. Janet Carpenter, Mrs. Evelyn Barrier, and Mrs. Ruth Meade. In 1960-61 Mrs. Stamey [Mildred Benson] Carter, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Miller, were leaders of twenty-three girls; in 1962 Mrs. Don [Merrea Smith] Weinhold was leader of twenty-six girls, assisted by Mrs. Robert L. Miller.

In addition to the leaders mentioned, Junior Girl Scout leaders have been Mrs. Mitchell [Mildred Carlson] Fain, assisted by Miss Eleanor Sifford in 1959; Mrs. B. F. Lesley, assisted by Mrs. Stamey Carter, Jr., in 1961; Mrs. Harold Rufty, assisted by Mrs. Robert Miller, in 1963, 1964, and 1965; Mrs. Tom [Billie Elizabeth Lyster] Roth in 1966; Mrs. Robert [Carolyn Lamb] Strange, assisted by Mrs. William [Martha Glossom] Howard in 1968 and 1969; Mrs. Nan Graeber and Mrs. Betty Driscoll in 1972; and Mrs. Jenny Harmon in 1976.



Junior Girl Scouts of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1963. 1st row: Sandra Anderson, Debbie Barrier, Audie Hinds, Mary Lisa Ruffy, Kim Jordan, Lois Dianne Busby, Carolyn Childs. 2nd row: Clare Fellows, Sharon Fellows, Arteth Grubb, Deborah Busby, Bonnie Ruffy, Claudia Weinhold. 3rd row: Mrs. Robert Miller, Debra Beaver, Mary Ellen Tretler, Paula Smith, Susan Agner, Bonnie Long, Ruby Ruffy, Susan Honeychurch, and Mrs. Harold Ruffy.

An overview of the activities of St. John's Girl Scouts can be visualized from three reports in *St. John's Journal*. In May 1957 the girls of Troop #8 completed that year's session at Camp Julia on May 11 with an all-day outing of swimming, cooking, and hiking. The twenty girls of the troop had earned five merit badges during the year consisting of hospitality, homemaking, cooking, sewing, and dancing. According to the *Journal*, "Others were remembered during the various seasons of the year. At Thanksgiving a basket was filled for a member of the church. The group sang to shut-ins at Christmas. A valentine party was held for the Boy Scouts. Easter baskets were made and filled for children in the hospital at Easter." Merit badges were to be earned during the summer months at various camps with one member to earn a badge in dramatics touring Europe with the Blue Masque of Catawba College.

In December 1964 the troop at St. John's reported badge work, service projects, and court of awards. Examples of the badge requirements were printing family thank-you notes to be given as Christmas gifts and planning a Girl Scout caroling party with invitations to Troop #2 from the Methodist Church to join them. Examples of service projects included setting the tables for congregational suppers, taking fruit baskets to a local nursing home, and making tray favors for the children at Rowan Memorial Hospital.

Two years later, in the March 1966 *St. John's Journal* was a report entitled "Troop #25 Selected for National Competition." The *Journal* also recorded the following:

On Saturday, March 12, 1966, the Tarheelia Girl Scout Council had an exhibit of "Promise Projects." Each troop in Stanley, Rowan, and Cabarrus Counties was asked to decide on one or more service projects to be given before September 1 which would demonstrate and put into action the girl scout promise.

The girls of Junior Troop #25 decided to do six service projects to represent all parts of the promise. They were (1) To Patterson Rest Home—to visit and bring cheer at Thanksgiving. (2) To Our Families—to prepare a first-aid kit for the family car. (3) To the choirs of St. John's—to give eighty covered coat hangers to be used for choir robes. (4) To the Salisbury City PTAs—to present the flag ceremony for their PTA meetings. (5) To Troop #25 (ourselves)—to keep our equipment on the third floor which will be our permanent scout room, where we hope to frame our membership forms, start a bookcase for scout books, and have a place for our craft materials. (6) To the office of St. John's—to sharpen the pencils and fill pew [racks] with cards.

Display space was marked off at the Salisbury Armory for each troop that submitted "A Promise in Action."

Our Project was selected as the outstanding project from Tarheelia Council representing the whole Girl Scout Promise. It will go with three others to become part of the nationwide "Promise of Service."

There is an annual sale of Girl Scout cookies with delivery on or near the anniversary celebration of Girl Scout Week, a week which encompasses and commemorates the March 12, 1912, founding of the program for girls.

In 1974, St. John's member Sally Agner was chosen for an international opportunity from the Girl Scouts of the Southeastern United States, to attend a sixtieth anniversary celebration of Girl Guides in Trinidad and Tobago. Sally had participated in Girl Scouts at St. John's and was then in a Senior Troop lead by Mrs. Gordon Shermer at First Baptist Church.

Cindy Fink, a member of St. John's and fellow-classmate and scoutmate with Sally, told about formation of a Girl Scout Troop at the University of North Carolina when she and Sally were in school at Chapel Hill. The troop, Campus Gold, was started by a group from Salisbury to render community service.

In 1983 Miss Fink serves as Field Executive in the Tar Heel Triad Girl Scout Council, a thirteen county area.

Brownie Scouts

The Brownie Scout movement began in England in 1915. The following year, the first Brownie troop in the United States was founded by Mrs. Carl Derrett of Marblehead Neck, Massachusetts.

It is not known when a Brownie Troop was first organized at St. John's. As early as 1945 Miss Anne Peeler was leader and Miss Helen Julian was assistant leader for a Brownie Scout Troop, evidently supported by the Young Ladies Auxiliary of St. John's Women of the Church. In April 1947 Miss Betty Shoaf was helping Miss Sarah Pinkston with the Brownie Troop; and in 1948 Mrs. Harold [Martha Jean Frye] Terry and Miss Jane Cress were leaders, supported by the troop committee: Mrs. Gregory [Christine Hudson] Peeler, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, and Mrs. E. C. [Mary Frances Mock] Kneeburg.

St. John's Journal contained a number of articles featuring activities of the Scouts. In April 1961 the Brownie Scout Troop of St. John's announced that a "fly-up" ceremony was to be held. At that time the troop would also give a program on Indian lore. Members of the troop were to demonstrate Indian music, dancing, and songs. An Indian band was to be featured. The troop was also planning a trip to Charlotte

to be on the television program, "Five O'clock Fun" produced by station WBTV. In October 1961, the *Journal* contained information about St. John's Brownie Troop No. 7. The theme for the program on Friday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the church was "Honor the Past—Serve the Future." As the *Journal* recorded:

...The candles were lighted by Esther Rufty. Devotions were given by the troop using the 23rd Psalm as the basis for a speech and motion choir. In keeping with the theme, the history of the troop was given.

In 1944, Mrs. Glenn [Addie Glover] Ketner presented the project to the Women of the Church. At that time they accepted the challenge to sponsor the troop. In 1950 the troop entered the Kannapolis Council and the troop number was changed from No. 4 to No. 7.

Many of the past leaders of the troop were present for the program and Mrs. Harold [Barbara Ann Morris] Rufty, present troop leader, honored them with a gold and brown identification badge. Past leaders include: Mrs. Ray [Jane Cress] Ritchie, 1949; Mrs. John [Florence Rufty] Sifford, assisted by Mrs. Fred [Mildred Misenheimer] Ryan and Mrs. James [Nancy Earle Miller] Safrit, 1950-52; Mrs. Robert [Rebecca Lyerly] Britt, assisted by Mrs. Fred Ryan, and Mrs. J. R. [Betty Hudson] Driscoll, 1953-54; Mrs. B. R. [Betty Shoaf] Withers, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Charles [Grace Jean Harris] Kluttz, Jr., 1954-55; Mrs. Lewis A. [Peggy Freeman] Peeler, assisted by Mrs. Trent [Lois Jane Miles] Busby, 1956-57; Mrs. George [Dorothy Rudy] Busby, assisted by Mrs. Tom [Margaret Cox] Kern and Mrs. Mitchell [Mildred Carlson] Fain, 1958-59; Mrs. Arnold [Kate Mills Suiter] Snider, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Tom [Margaret Rudisill] Borland, 1960; and Mrs. Harold Rufty, assisted by Mrs. Paul Smith, 1961.

Mrs. Clifford Peeler was presented a statuette of a girl scout for the outstanding work she has done for scouting at St. John's Church. For the past 18 years, Mrs. Peeler has been an active scouting enthusiast. "Her spirit of determination and devotion has kept girl scouting alive and active at St. John's Church."

Following a Brownie play, in which the girls used puppets they made from paper maché, new members were received in a candle light ceremony. The leader recognized the Brownie committee, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, Mrs. Robert Britt, and Mrs. Max Busby.

A goodnight song by the troop and refreshments brought the evening to a close.



Scout Leader Mrs. Harold [Barbara Morris] Ruffy presented Mrs. Clifford A. [Lillian Caldwell] Peeler a token of appreciation for her interest in Scouting at St. John's at a meeting of the Brownie Troop, 1961. 1st row: Kristy Miller, Kathy Britt, Kristen Carter, Mrs. Harold Ruffy, Mrs. Clifford A. Peeler, Betty Busby, Debbie Beaver, and Claudia Weinhold. 2nd row: Bonnie Ruffy, Carolyn Childs, Deborah Busby, Bonnie Long, Paula Smith, and Ruby Ruffy. 3rd row: Cathy Ruffy, Tzena Ruffy, Laura Misenheimer, Esther Ruffy, Tina Bost, Becky Butler, Kay Bentley, Gayle Eagle, and Susan Kern.

The identity of additional Brownie leaders not included in the 1961 program were gleaned from other issues of *St. John's Journal*. In September 1956, Mrs. George Busby and Mrs. T. W. Kern were listed as Brownie Scout leaders; in March 1957, an investiture service was held for Brownie Scout Troop #7 of St. John's with leaders Busby and Kern, and *a birthday party was held for the eight-year-old troop*. From November 1957 to 1976, Brownie leaders were listed as Mrs. George Busby and Mrs. Mitchell Fain, 1957; Mrs. Henry Lamar [Ellen Hudson] Trexler and Mrs. Paul Smith, 1960; Mrs. Harold Rufty and Mrs. Newton [Marilyn Horah] Cohen, 1961; Mrs. John [Ann Crouch] Isenhour, Jr., and Mrs. Newton Cohen, 1962; Mrs. Charles [Jean Spake] Rufty, Mrs. Ronald [Peggy Russell] Jordan, and Mrs. A. G. [Lillian Huffman] Sides, 1964; Mrs. Jerry [Claudette Shaw] Barger and Mrs. Herbert Wayne, 1969; Carol Livengood Rabon and Linda Hopkins, 1970; Mrs. Joe I. [Barbara Baker] Sims and Mrs. Jerry [Rebecca Benton] Kirkley, 1971; Rebecca Kirkley and Carol Rabon, 1972; Carol Rabon, 1974; and Rebecca Kirkley, 1975-76.

Another Brownie Troop, #164, was formed at St. John's in 1982 with Dianne Rodgers Agner serving as leader, assisted by Blenda Saleeby Harris and Susan Kern Campbell. The troop and leaders continued in 1983, adding a third assistant, Georgellen Agner Goss. Members of Brownie Troop #164 have been Rebekah Agner, Meredith Blythe, Tiffany Boeglen, Susan Bowers, Laura Boyd, Dayna Bradshaw, Sarah Bridges, Kristin Carter, Kelly Cheek, Kelley Corriher, Margaret Corriher, Laura Curlee, Jenna Du Mond, Dana Gheen, Amy Hampton, Shelley Harper, Karen Harris, Kelly Harris, Robin Hayes, Michele Imblum, Jennifer Ingold, Dahlia Kelada, Catherine Ketner, Kerri Little, Lindsey Lyerly, Erin Norris, Dierdre Palmer, Katherine Palmer, Ashley Parrott, Brittain Redcay, Sarah Rowland, Cynthia Rieger, Nancy Smith, Tabitha Sowers, Shannon Stavely, Ashlee Taylor, Lisa Thwaites, and Stacy Wag-
oner.

Cadette Girl Scouts

A St. John's Cadette Scout Troop was in existence in March 1962, evidenced by a picture in *St. John's Journal*. The group, with some in Cadette uniforms and the newly promoted Cadettes still in their Junior Scout uniforms, were led by Mrs. Don [Merrea Smith] Weinhold and Mrs. Robert [Ruth Bernhardt] Miller, Jr.

In 1964 Cadette Scout Troop #8 at St. John's was active with Mrs. Weinhold as leader, assisted by Miss Jane Shuping. In December *St. John's Journal* pictured their recently organized band and chorus to entertain the shut-ins with carols during the Advent season.



Cadette Girl Scout Band, 1964. Leader: Merrea Smith Weinhold. 1st row: Ruby Rufty, Cathy Cress, Becky Butler, Judy Anderson, Angela Barrier, Paula Thompson. 2nd row: Claudia Weinhold, Jan Weinhold, Laura Misenheimer, Betty Fellows, Cathy Rufty, Karen Miller, Esther Rufty, Tzena Rufty, Sharon Shook, and Ann Cline.

Some of the activities recorded in the *Journal* included making forty-seven baby blankets and layettes that were turned in to the Needlework Guild; beginning their November work on emergency training with each girl learning to sketch maps and developing a telephone system by which all girls in the troop could be reached within ten minutes; practicing their baby-sitting skills at a children's Christmas Party hosted by the troop; and more emergency training in January as they began first-aid instruction. Mrs. Weinhold continued as Cadette leader in 1965.

Another group of Cadettes was organized in 1970 with Mrs. Eddie [Pam] Goldman and Miss Dottie Rebhan as leaders. Cadette Troop #524 continued at St. John's from 1972 through May 1977 with Miss Rebhan as leader, assisted by Mrs. Kay W. Smith and Mrs. Theresa May.

SPORTS

by Paul S. and Alda Clark Smith

Baseball

Little League baseball is the result of men who were interested in the well-being of boys who like to play baseball. Coaches and sponsoring groups of the original eight teams formed the first Rowan County Little League. Among the sponsors were St. John's Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, First Methodist Church, Optimists Club, Lions Club, Elks Club, and the combined Rockwell Civic Clubs.

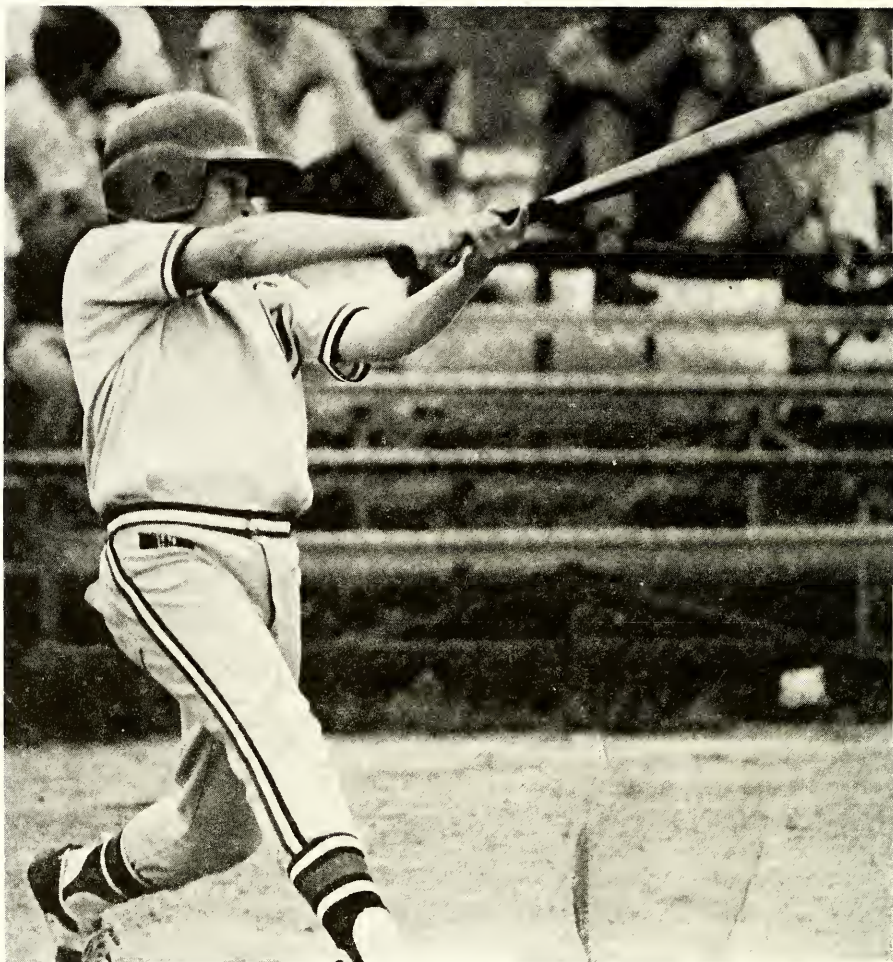
St. John's opened its season May 21, 1955, by winning against the First Baptist team nine to five. Paul Smith, coach and manager, organized the first team made up of Paul Heilig, Arnie Snider, Jim Newland, Ronnie Bassinger, Rudy Busby, Billy Busby, Henry Smith, George Busby, Johnny Lineberry, Max Busby, Gene Beaver, Ellis Fisher, Britt Snider, Benny Beaver, and David Rendleman. Bobby Busby was bat-boy.

The James L. Fisher Bible Class became the first underwriter for Little League baseball at St. John's. They furnished uniforms, equipment, and unconditional support.

The Little League program became far more than just a recreational opportunity. It provided a chance for boys, age nine to twelve, to learn to work and play in cooperation and fellowship with others. The spirit of good sportmanship demonstrated by the boys is just a small example of the many benefits coming through this worthwhile program.

The 1956 team members, coached by Paul Smith, were Lonnie Duke Bassinger, Max Busby, Dickey Penley, James Pepper, Paul Heilig, Dick Shuping, Ellis Fisher, Barry Lewis, Jimmy Myers, Tony Misenheimer, Larry Edwards, James Linn, Larry Honeycutt, Tommy Wood, Phil Bernhardt, George Hood, Britt Snider, Floyd Rusher, John Harris, Sammy Livingood, Sonny Pepper, Billy Busby, Larry Cauble, Cal Butler, Butch Weant, Arnie Snider, Dave Rendleman, David Peninger, Terry Basinger, Rodney Smith, John Spencer, Richard Hails, Tommy Rufty, Ken Eddings, and Benny Beaver.

Many of the same boys returned for the 1957-58 seasons. Throughout the summers, McDaniel Field on Mahaley Avenue was the gathering place for many parents, friends, and players who just liked good baseball. In 1958 St. John's closed the season in September with a picnic when the team was entertained with an afternoon of swimming at Cartex Pool, followed by an old-fashioned picnic at the City Park. The coaches, Paul Smith, Jerry Safrit, and Marion Butler were presented gifts by the boys as an expression of their appreciation for the long hours and



hard work. Ellis Wood Fisher, Jr., and Tommy Wood were co-captains for the 1958 season. Tommy Wood was voted Most Valuable Player. Selected for the All-Star Team were Ellis Fisher, Jimmy Linn, Johnny Misenheimer, and Tommy Wood. Those chosen for the All-Star Team played in the tournament at the end of the regular season with other All-Star players from other churches and civic clubs.

Ellis Wood Fisher, Sr., and Dr. George Busby were St. John's Little League commissioners who served county-wide in helping to organize and establish what became one of the finest sports programs sponsored by a church.

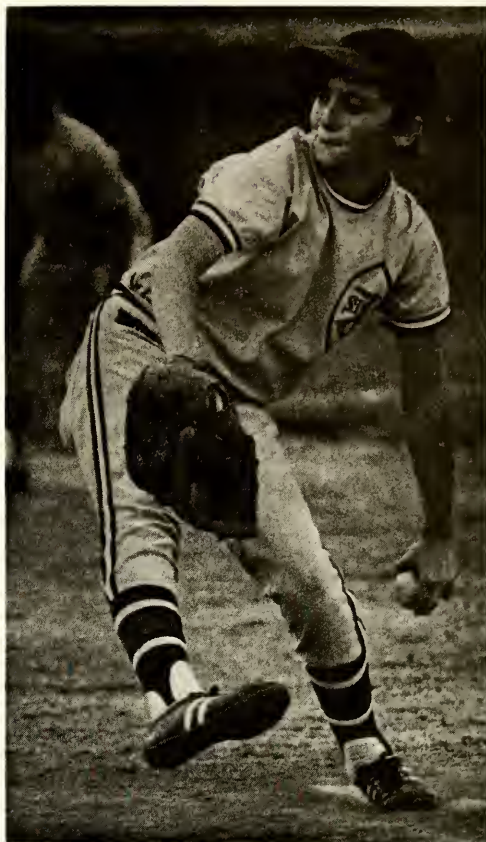
In 1959, eighty boys tried out for the Little League team. The rules limited the contest team to thirty boys. Those boys not making the regular team were not left out. They played on Saturdays. Exhibition

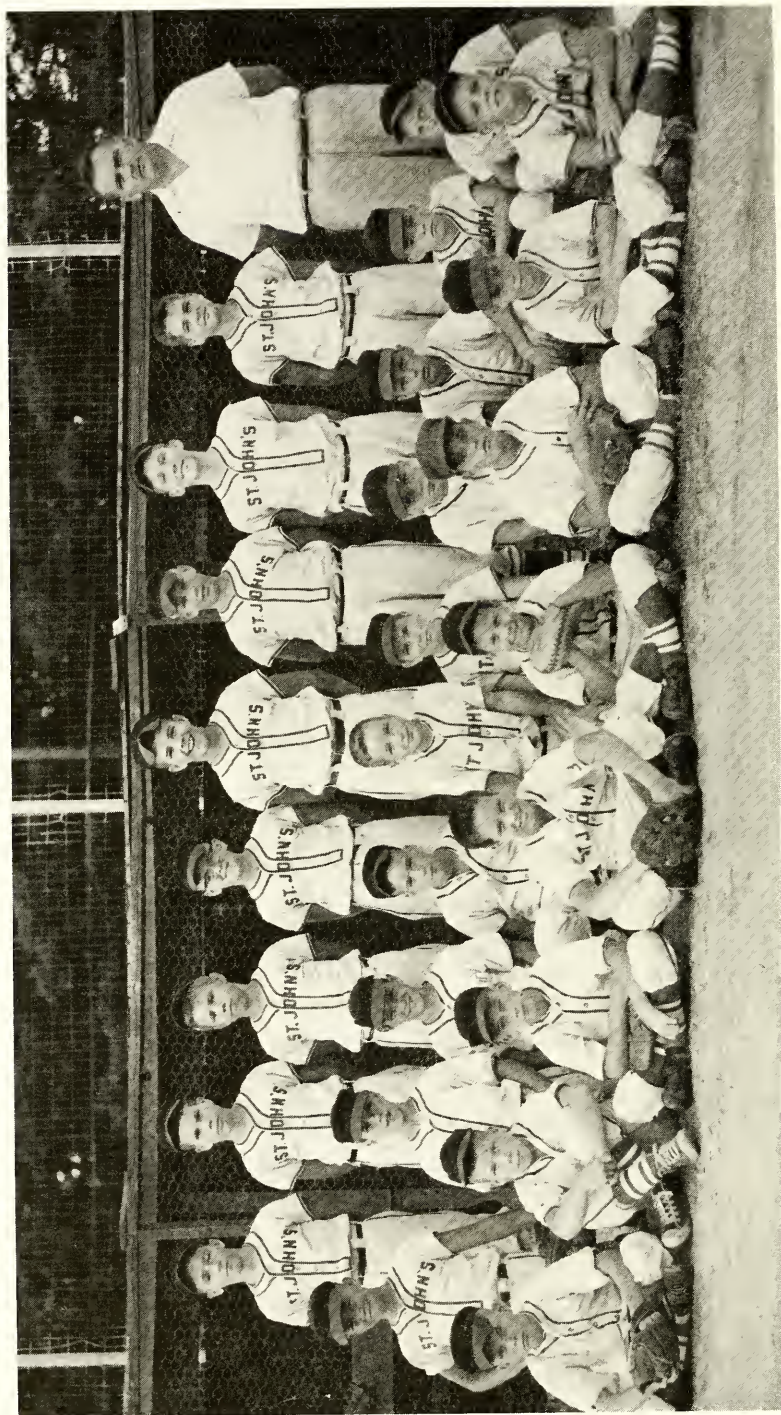
games were played for patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital on July 4th. The extra games were played to give the boys on the first team a chance to play as well as to practice. The coach was Paul Smith. His assistants were Marion Butler and Jerry Safrit. Bat-boys were David Sloop and Steve Corriher. To bring the season to a close for the St. John's team, Mrs. Lloyd [Nelle Hays] Troxler arranged a picnic where awards were presented to Cal Butler for most valuable player, and Billy Gribble for most improved player. Small gold baseballs were given to all twelve-year-old members. Gifts of silver were presented by Mrs. Troxler to the coaches and their wives.

Little League games were played in the evening and afforded much entertainment for the whole family. In 1960, St. John's won third place in the Little League standings. In the summer of 1961, of the twenty-one games played, the team won fifteen and lost six. Coaches were Paul Smith and Rudy Busby. Members of the Little League Committee were Ellis Fisher, general manager, Ken Brown, treasurer; and Mrs. Wilson Smith and Mrs. E. L. Cline, Jr., social chairmen. Awards for the 1961 season were presented to James Morgan for most valuable player, Steve Corriher for most improved player, Ted Crane for best pitcher, and "Rookie of the Year" went to Charlie Leonard.

In April 1966, Little League baseball, coached by Paul Smith and Gene Auten, held practice at the Little League field on Mahaley Avenue. Practice time was from one to three p.m. for boys age nine to twelve years.

St. John's Little Leaguers went all the way in 1967 to capture the regular season title with an eleven to three record. The boys made a clean sweep of the play-off, winning four straight games, securing the championship title for 1967. Congratulations and appreciation went to





St. John's Little League Baseball Team, 1960. 1st row: Kent Eanes, Tommy Corriher, James Carmichael, Steve Ashley, Steve Gribble, James Humberg, Eddie Cline, and Timmy Smith. 2nd row: Dickie Penley, Marshall Lindsey, Donald Lindsey, Ted Hinkle, Woodie Cope, Jimmie Morgan, Jim Millar, Ken Eagle, Steve Corriher, and Dave Troxler. 3rd row: Tommy Rufy, Billy Gribble, Steve Russell, Buddy Kluttz, Tommy Shuping, Jimmy Green, Donald Wood, Joe Ashley, and Coach Paul Smith.

Coaches Paul Smith and Gene Auten for their time, interest, and work so freely given. Team members were John Austin, Terry Lentz, Brent Barringer, Greg Alcorn, Tim Hoffner, Randy Link, Chris Cohen, Charlie Smith, Alan Buckwell, Tim Dagenhart, Wayne Cobb, Jim Roessel, Tim Schenk, Lonnie Owen, Jimmy Cohen, Danny Schenk, Mark Ritchie, Richard Shulenberger, Jimmy Webb, Grady Morris, Cliff Ritchie, Ty Kinder, Jacky Simmons, John McCachren, Robert Garwood, Eddie Earnhardt, Dennis Bunker, and Kevin Auten.

Congratulations went to St. John's 1969 Little League team upon conclusion of a successful season. Their record was ten to four. They placed second in the Rowan County Little League, and came in third in the play-off. A banquet was held on August 20 to honor them. Coaches were Paul Smith and Gene Auten. Business manager was Harold Rufty.

In May 1970, fifty-five boys came out for the team. Gene Auten, Paul Smith, and Bob Miller were coaches, and Harold Rufty again served as business manager. The boys had a clinic at Catawba College. Greg Alcorn pitched a one-hitter and struck out ten in the win over the Optimists Club; and, with Oscho Rufty pitching, the team slipped by the Lions Club five to four. St. John's was the front runner for most of the season.

On July 11, 1974, St. John's Little League Baseball Team was undefeated in their record of twelve to zero. The winning pitcher was Brian Bombardier. The leading hitters were Brian Bombardier and Greg West. In August of 1974 St. John's won again. Cameras clicked as parents, fans, and local sportswriters watched St. John's end the 1974 season with fourteen wins and no losses. They became the champions of Rowan County. Clad in new uniforms, the team looked as good as they played, while making their twenty-one to zero record. Congratulations went to the team and their coaches: Gene Auten, Bob Miller, Donnie Stewart, and Jim Saunders.

In the Little League game on June 26, 1975, St. John's versus Optimists, twins Jim and Tom Loeblein each hit a home run. The score was eighteen to one in favor of St. John's.

In 1975, St. John's entered the Biddy League. The boys were between the ages of five and eight years old. Boys playing on the Biddy League of the Salisbury Recreation Center were Shane Lippard, Jimmy Epting, Charles Graeber, Mark Bowden, Tripp Isenhour, Bill Kenerly, and Wallace Upchurch.

In August 1975, St. John's Little League finished a successful season, ten to four, with a banquet held at the church. Jackets were presented to all twelve year olds who played their final year. Trophies were awarded for excellence in various areas of participation. Congratulations went to Tom Loeblein, Jim Loeblein, Steve Gardner, Jeff Bowden, Andy Markey, Charlie Markey, David Harris, and Charles Harriss.

Coaches were Ron Chrisman, head coach, and Bob Loeblein, Red Strickland, and Jim Saunders.

Two Little League baseball teams were organized for St. John's in 1976—the A-Team and a new B-Team for the nine-and-ten-year-olds. Ron Chrisman and Anne Loeblein of the Youth Committee were in charge.

After 1976, sports programs were restructured under Youth Activities, administered by the Service and Fellowship Board of the church. Mrs. Peggy Coble, Mrs. Frances Tatum, and Mrs. Mimi Carlton have been chairpersons of this board. Since then, the records and rosters of teams, coaches, and sponsors have been kept at the YMCA.

Sports became an outreach program for the community, whereby all boys interested in Little League would have an opportunity to play on a team by virtue of a drawing and assignment to various sponsors. One of the sponsors is still St. John's Lutheran Church.

Basketball

Basketball teams were organized at St. John's as early as 1951. In December, *The League Speaks* reported the sponsorship of a men's team, Ann Shoaf as manager of the girl's team, and Willie Shaver as organizer of a team of intermediate boys.

In December of 1958, St. John's entered a team in the YMCA Basketball League. Fifteen boys represented St. John's in the YMCA Intermediate League. Under the guidance of Paul Smith and Jerry Safrit, the team played other teams from the city and county. They played on Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the "Y" at 220 North Fulton Street. Players for St. John's were Dick Shuping, Dick Seiwel, Max Busby, Johnny Misenheimer, David Rendleman, Lindsay Adcox, Britt Snider, Arnie Snider, Billy Busby, Tommie Wood, Paul Heilig, Ellis Fisher, David Misenheimer, Alan Drye, and Allen Farabee.

In February 1959, St. John's Basketball Team closed the season winning not one but two championships in the Y League. Coached by Paul Smith and Jerry Safrit, the team consisted of boys fifteen years and under. In the regular season St. John's was undefeated. They were also undefeated in the tournament, winning four and losing none.

"Court Champions Receive Team Awards" was the headline in the *St. John's Journal* in March, 1960. St. John's Intermediate Basketball Team won two trophies—Seasonal Champions and Tournament Champions. Mr. Tom Borland, chairman of the YMCA Board of Directors, made the presentations. Dick Shuping won "most valuable player." He scored the most points in a single game: forty-four points. The team, under direction of Coach Paul Smith, had a record in 1959-1960 of seventeen wins and one loss. For the previous two-year period, the team won thirty-two games and lost one. Members of the team were Lind-



St. John's Basketball Team, 1951. 1st row: James E. Epting, David McPherson, and Jim Watts. 2nd row: Oliver Link, K.V. Epting, Jr., Frank Lyerly, and Bill Safrit.

say Adcox, Ellis Fisher, Dick Shuping, Tommy Ludwig, Johnny McCanless, Tommy Shuping (manager), Tommy Wood, Britt Snider, Phil Rosenbaum, Arnie Snider, Dick Siewell, and Joe Rufty.

St. John's sponsored two basketball teams in the YMCA League in 1961. One team played in the Intermediate League of boys fifteen years and under. The other team played in the Sunday School League for boys in the older age group. Paul Smith coached both teams. Following the regular season, the teams played in a tournament and attended a banquet held for the players and coaches. Members of the Intermediate Team were Don Weinhold, Frank Sloop, Tony Misenheimer, John Misenheimer, Tom Ludwig, Tom Shuping, Phil Rosenbaum, John McCanless, Bryan Nussman, John Harris, and Lane Lowman. They ended the season in second place.

Members of the Sunday School League were Rudy Busby, David Rendleman, Arnold Snider, Britt Snider, Ellis Fisher, Tommy Wood,

Dick Shuping, and Ronnie Bassinger. They held third place at the close of the season.

As in years past, St. John's again sponsored two basketball teams in the 1964 YMCA Church and Sunday School Leagues. The Intermediate Team was for boys fifteen years old or under. Sunday School Team was for boys and young men nineteen years old and under. Team members had to be bona fide members of Sunday School and in regular attendance. The purpose of the leagues was to stimulate Sunday School, Church, and Luther League attendance and to develop sportsmanship through team play and organized sports. The games were played at the YMCA. Sonny Epting and Tony Owen served as coaches.

In 1965 the Intermediate Basketball Team, coached by Don Bowden, tied for second place in the season and second place in the tournament. The Senior Team, coached by Don Bowden and John Isenhour, Jr., tied with First Baptist for the season. These two teams faced each other to determine the first-place winner. St. John's team won the play-off and went on to win the tournament and trophy for Champion.

Both basketball teams in 1966 sponsored by St. John's in the YMCA League were impressive. Coaches were Don Bowden for the Intermediates and John Isenhour, Jr., for the Seniors. They had excellent play and outstanding sportsmanship. In March 1966 the Intermediates finished thirteen to one, and the Seniors finished fourteen to zero. In April 1966, members of the Intermediate Team won both the regular season and the tournament at the Y. The Senior Team was also victorious in completing the season undefeated.

In 1967 St. John's sponsored an additional basketball team—a team for girls. In fact, in March 1967, the Girls Basketball Team won the Basketball Trophy! They were undefeated in the YMCA Girls Church League. Their trophy designated them winners of the regular season as well as the tournament. On the team were Debra Busby, Tina Bost, Kristen Carter, Susan Agner, Kay Bentley, Mandy Lyerly, Ann Menius, Claudia Weinhold, Martha Jane Busby, Cecelia Trexler, Cathy Rufty, Bonnie Rufty, Mary Trexler, Lisa Rufty, Terry Kern, and Susan Kern. Coaches were Mrs. Harold [Barbara] Rufty, and Miss Eleanor Sifford.

That same year, 1967, was also a year of congratulations for St. John's two boys' teams. They won no trophies, but they played fine ball and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Coach for the Intermediates (boys in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades) was Don Bowden. His team members were Jimmy Busby, Charles Busby, Steve Misenheimer, Brad Buie, Grayson Hampton, Robbie Fritz, Wayne Cobb, Cliff Ritchie, Tim Deal, Ray Peeler, Emmette Thompson, David Miller, Bill Dudley, and Jim Beatty. Coaching the Seniors (boys in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades) was John Isenhour, Jr. Team members were Eddie Cline, Frank Miller, James Carmichael, Bill Carmichael, Henry Trexler, Alan



St. John's Senior Basketball Team, 1965. 1st row: Mike Edwards, Bill Troxler, and John Rawling. 2nd row: Eddie Cline, Tim Smith, Rick Reynolds, David Troxler, and Coach John Isenhour, Jr.

Koontz, Eddie Safrit, John Miller, Tom Corriher, Steve Corriher, Tim Smith, Chris Agner, John Heilig, Bob Brady, and John Coleman.

In 1970, St. John's had eighteen boys playing in the Intermediate League and thirteen for the Seniors. In January 1972, the St. John's "Jumping Jumbos" was organized for men who wanted to play basketball. They played at the Spencer Elementary School. They won three of their first six games!

By December of 1973, three teams were getting in shape for basketball at the Y. The men's team was coached by Jerry Barger, Senior Highs by John Isenhour, Jr., and Intermediates by Paul Smith.

Not to be excluded from sports at St. John's (or awards) the Men's Team, now playing in the Church League at the Y, won the Church League season in March of 1974. In January of 1975, Jerry Barger,



St. John's Intermediate Basketball Team, 1966. 1st row: David Fisher, Douglas Hughes, Charles Busby, Ken Cobb, Jimmy Busby. 2nd row: Bill Porter, Timothy Deal, Bill Carmichael, Johnny Miller, Richard Whittecar, Franklin Miller, Brad Buie, Coach Larry Donald Bowden, and David Miller.

St. John's Men's Basketball Team Coach, needed some "tall" men to help put the ball in the basket. He got George Hines, Jerry Kirkley, Mike Julian, Jim Burris, Alan Safrit, David Garwood, Bill Kenerly, Bill Troxler, Gene Midgett, John Robinson, and James Rollans.

St. John's continued to sponsor an Intermediate and Senior Team for boys. In April 1976, thanks was expressed to the boys and young men who participated in the basketball league. George Hines served as coach of the Senior Highs, and Don Bowden continued as coach of the Junior Highs. The Seniors' record was seven to four, and the Juniors' three to nine.

Through the years, basketball has continued to be popular with St. John's boys and men. In 1981 the men won one and lost ten in the regular season but placed second in the tournament. The men's team at this time played at Knox Junior High School.

The Juniors captured the Y championship in 1982. With Coach Bobby Adams, the team members were Mark Bowden, Jimmy Epting, John Ketner, Shane Lippard, John Shives, Wallace Upchurch, Jeff Proctor, Tony Jones, and Richard Wu.

Volleyball

Beginning in April of 1983, Bonnie Rufty Wilson organized a ladies' volleyball team to represent St. John's Church in the Women's Church League. Russell Wilson coached the 1983 team made up of the following players: Lisa Rufty Wear, Brenda Masters Goodman, Blenda Saleeby Harris, Melonie Rufty Beaver, Raye Rufty, Susan Agner Dishman, Karen Smitherman Wilson, and Nancy Spake Lippard. They played on Monday nights at the Y.

Co-ed volleyball began in December 1983. St. John's men, women, and guests were invited to participate in the games on Friday evenings from seven to eight p.m.

At the end of 1983 St. John's Lutheran Church continued to sponsor Little League Baseball, Intermediate and Senior Basketball, Men's Volleyball, and Women's Volleyball.

THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY CLUB

by Phoebe Trexler Webber

An article on the beginning of the Golden Opportunity Club is found in *St. John's Journal* dated January, 1969. It stated that the organization was begun through the interest of the Social Ministry Committee with Curtis Cobb, chairman. It was to meet on the second Thursday of each month in St. John's Center for fellowship, fun, and food, as well as helpful programs. Membership was to be offered to those of retirement years. The club elected six members to a Steering Committee

at its January meeting. Those elected were Mr. H. C. Petrea, Mrs. Russell [Mary Efir] Bingham, Miss Ruth Charles, Mrs. Paul [Stella Blackwell] Lentz, Mrs. C. B. [Ruth Beaver] Wyatt, and Mrs. George [Lillie Green] Vogler.

Charter members, in addition to those on the Steering Committee and their spouses, included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. [Mary Lyerly] Horton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. [Eula Sowers] Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. [Edna Cauble] Leazer, Miss Ella Pinkston, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. [Minnie Huggins Rhodes] Powell, Mrs. Beulah Pinkston Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. [Ina Mingias] Ross, Mrs. Mabel Graham Karriker, and Miss Ophelia Graham. This list may be incomplete since there is no official record of membership until September 1978, when Virginia Beaver became secretary. (The information here is from the memories of members in 1983.)

The *Journal* for February 1976 noted that the Golden Opportunity Club had a covered-dish luncheon at its meeting. This custom has continued through the years. In August the "G O" Club, as it is sometimes called, scheduled a retreat at Lutheridge for the last three days of September. The retreat was to provide time for worship, Bible study, fun, and fellowship. The cost was \$32.50 for double occupancy, and the fifteen to twenty members were accompanied by Pastor Huddle.

Mrs. P. D. [Florence Bodenhorn] Brown remembers that Pastor Fritz chose the name "Golden Opportunity Club" from ones submitted by the members. Throughout its history the pastors have been very supportive of the programs and activities.

Written guidelines, adopted in December 1979, spelled out the objectives of the club, duties of the officers and committees, and other pertinent matters.

Several members from the early years of the organization say that Mrs. Mary Bingham was the first president. The obituary of Miss Ella Pinkston, found in the group's scrapbook, states that she was one of the early presidents. Hugh Lyerly preceded Frances Barger as president when she led the club in 1978. Since 1978, presidents and vice-presidents have been Frances Barger, Helen Lentz (two terms), Sister Catharine Stirewalt, Katie Misenheimer, Ruth Uzzell, Pauline Iddings, Julian Smith, and Pastor Iddings.

Secretaries and assistant secretaries, beginning in 1978, were Virginia Beaver, Lena Fincher, Margie Hakos, Dorothy Rebhan, and Evelyen Smith. Treasurers have been Hugh Petrea, Charles Barger, Agnes Miller, and Cullen Lentz.

Two scrapbooks were begun by Frances Kneeburg in 1979 and continued in 1982 by Virginia Beaver. One contains memorials and other articles about members, and the second one is used for special activi-

ties of the "G O" Club. The first two scrapbooks have been completed and are stored in the Archives.

The minutes of September 1978 show a membership of forty-six. By December 1979, it had increased to fifty, with an average attendance of thirty-six. By May 1980 there were sixty-three members and the average attendance had increased to forty-two. A year later there were sixty-nine members. The club has grown steadily with a membership of ninety-five in June 1983 and an average attendance of fifty-two.

The meetings of the "G O" Club on the second Thursday of each month in St. John's Center are truly times of good fellowship and fun. The devotions through the years have usually been led by Lola Gray, Hugh Petrea, Ruth Uzzell, or Julian Smith.

Memorial services were held for deceased members, and a ten-dollar gift in memory of each of the deceased was given to St. John's Library. At the June 1983 meeting the members voted to designate other memorial gifts to the Elevator Fund. A monthly free-will offering was used for memorials; gifts, get-well, birthday, and sympathy cards; and other expenses.

A most enjoyable part of the meeting has always been the fellowship at a bountiful covered-dish meal, with the pastors and church staff as guests. The meetings usually last from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The club members look forward to their annual picnic, usually at Dan Nicholas Park, but in 1983, the picnic site was the new Sloan Park. Another annual event is the home-made ice cream party. The sixty-seven members attending the August 1983 meeting consumed over ten gallons of ice cream in such flavors as cherry, peach, pineapple, peanut, and pecan. Sandwiches, salads, and cookies were also served. It was an evening of good fun and feasting.

The members are indebted to Wilson Smith for the beautiful Golden Opportunity Club banner displayed at meetings and for the name tags worn.

Members of the "G O" Club look forward to their trips as a vital part of the club program. The earliest record in the minutes was a trip to Valle Crucis in October 1978. In 1979, a tour of Chinqua-Penn Plantation House and a trip to Greenfield near West Jefferson, were enjoyed. The club lived up to its name in 1980. Trips were taken to the Southern Living Show in Charlotte, the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, and to Lutheridge. Members also toured the new Salem Lutheran Church building, and had lunch at Pope's Restaurant. Trips enjoyed in 1981 were a tour of Duke Chapel and Gardens and a trip to McAdenville to see the beautiful Christmas lights. In 1982 members were on the go to see the frescoes at Episcopal churches at Glendale Springs and West Jefferson and also to attend the State Fair in Raleigh. At the end of the year they toured Biltmore House in Asheville

and returned to McAdenville to see the Christmas lights. A trip to Discovery Place in Charlotte was made in 1983, as well as a second trip Chinqua-Penn. Another highlight of this year was the all day fun trip to the Burt Harris home in Boone. Around fifty members made the trip.

The Golden Opportunity Club has helped with several projects in the church and has conducted two projects which are especially noteworthy. A Food Market, begun in the summer of 1979, was an outstanding success with proceeds to go to the World Hunger Fund. A check for the total receipts of \$439.50 was turned over to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod for that purpose. At the request of the Worship and Music Board, the club members put ribbon markers in the new hymnals. Also, a monetary gift was made toward the purchase of the new hymnals. A gift of \$77.22 was made to help buy the CB radios for the two vans. Fifty dollars was given to the Sunday School toward the purchase of new chairs. The club contributed \$85.00 toward the purchase of the sound system in St. John's Center and \$106.10 to the Building Fund of Salem Lutheran Church. Christmas of 1982 was the occasion for two gifts—\$50.00 to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund to be used for the poor and needy and \$100 to the SOAR (Serving Older Adults of Rowan) program.

(Gratitude for much of the above information goes to the minutes recorded by efficient secretaries Virginia Beaver, Lena Fincher, and Dorothy Rebhan.)



Burt and Araminta (Epting) Harris, 1983.



A banner welcomes the "G O" Club to the Harris Home in Boone, 1983.



Part of the Golden Opportunity Club: Margie Hakos, Viola Bailey, Rose Sloop, Mabel Graham Karriker, unidentified, Evelyen Smith, Mary Smith, Pauline Iddings, and Dr. White Iddings at the Harris' Home in Boone, 1983.



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CHAPTER SEVEN

MINISTERIAL SONS, MISSIONARIES, AND A DEACONESS OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SALISBURY, N. C.

by Catharine Amelia Stirewalt

A ministerial son is one who was a member of St. John's congregation at the time he entered the seminary to prepare for the Lutheran ministry. The same criterion was applied to those who were commissioned as missionaries.

MINISTERIAL SONS

BAILEY, CARL LYNN. (March 12, 1944-) Born in Lubbock, TX, son of Carl and Marguerite (Sivells) Bailey. Graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, 1967; earned Master of Sacred Music degree from the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, NY City, 1969; and also studied organ in Copenhagen and Paris. While at Tech was organist and choir-master at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, where he supervised and directed twelve choirs involving 450 members and worked with children's choirs. At Union Seminary, did special study with the boys' choir program at St. John the Divine. Participated in Union Music Workshop, Oxford, England, summer 1969. Served St. John's, Salisbury, as organist and choir-master July 1970 to May 1973 when he transferred as organist to First Presbyterian Church, Del Ray Beach, FL. Married Martha Jane Busby, a member of St. John's, Salisbury, Dec. 26, 1971. Became a member of St. John's in 1972. Entered Southern Seminary in the fall of 1980.

COBB, LOUIS KENNETT. (June 8, 1953-) Born in Salisbury, NC, son of Curtis Erskine and Dorothy (Barber) Cobb, was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. Brother to Rev. Wayne Sinclair Cobb. Graduated from Concordia Lutheran College, Bronxville, NY, 1977, after attending N. C. State University, Raleigh, and Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC. Graduated from Concordia Lutheran Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1981, having served his vicarage at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Junction, CO. Ordained by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, at Resurrection Church, Charlotte, NC, 1981. Served as associate pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Northville,

MI, 1981-1983; then accepted call as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, MA. Married Patricia Ransome, Walpole, NH, July 30, 1977. Two daughters.

COBB, WAYNE SINCLAIR. (Nov. 18, 1954-) Born in Salisbury, NC, son of Curtis Erskine and Dorothy (Barber) Cobb, was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. Brother to Rev. Louis Kennett Cobb. Graduated from UNC, Asheville, 1982, having accumulated college credits from UNC, Chapel Hill prior to entering the U. S. Air Force, and at the University of Guam and Christopher-Newport College, Newport News, VA, while in service. Enrolled at Southern Seminary, 1982. Married Ann Lomax, Salisbury, Jan. 29, 1977.

CORBELL, THOMAS WRIGHT. (Feb. 3, 1944-) Born in Richmond, VA, son of Robert Thurston, Jr., and Evelyn Nichols (Harkness) Corbell. Joined St. John's June 2, 1968. Graduated, 1969, from Pfeiffer College and from Southern Seminary, 1973. Intern Year, 1971-72, spent serving in Austin, TX. Ordained by the N. C. Synod June 3, 1973. Served Reformation, 1973-79; called to Lancaster, SC, St. Stephens, Lexington, SC, 1979. Married Ann Tysinger, also a member of St. John's, Salisbury, Aug. 3, 1968.

THE FISHERS

One family has a unique reputation in St. John's, and perhaps in the Lutheran Church in America, for contributing sons to the ministry. Mr. Luther Vastine and Cora Ann (Brown) Fisher had seven sons. Five of them became ministers and two were outstanding laymen in St. John's and in the N. C. Synod. Mrs. Fisher was a daughter of Rev. Richard L. and Nancy (Agner) Brown.

FISHER, CARL HILBERT. (Nov. 19, 1910-1981) Born in Rowan County, son of Luther Vastine and Cora Ann (Brown) Fisher. Confirmed at St. John's, April 9, 1922. Graduated from UNC, Chapel Hill, 1932, and from Southern Seminary, 1937. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1937. Served congregations in North Carolina, Georgia, and in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Married Lena Belle Gobble, East Spencer, Dec. 21, 1935. One son. Died in February 1981; buried in the family plot at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC.

FISHER, EARLE HUGO. (March 24, 1913-) Born in Rowan County, NC, son of Luther Vastine and Cora Ann (Brown) Fisher. Confirmed at St. John's, April 5, 1925. Graduated from Roanoke College, 1936, and from Southern Seminary, 1939. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1939. Served churches in South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and New York. In 1954 affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Retired to Charlotte. Married (1) Eileen Argabright. Two sons. (2) Kaja Tennison in Brooklyn, NY, Oct. 9, 1954. One daughter.

FISHER, HERMAN GEORGE. (March 25, 1906-) Born in Rowan County, son of Luther Vastine and Cora Ann (Brown) Fisher. Twin brother to Rev. Ray R. Fisher. First of five sons to be ordained to the Lutheran ministry. Graduated from Roanoke College, 1928, and from Southern Seminary, 1931. Transferred his membership from St. John's to Alamance, his first pastorate. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1931. Served churches in North Carolina and Georgia. In 1953 transferred to the South Carolina Synod, returning to North Carolina in 1965 after spending three years in Evansville, IN. Retired in 1973. In 1983 serves as effective synodical trouble-shooter for congregations with problems within N. C. Synod. Married (1) Ruby Brooks Lowder, Burlington, NC, Sept. 9, 1930. Two sons, two daughters. (2) Helen Rimer, June 30, 1977.

FISHER, RAY RICHARD. (March 25, 1906-June 25, 1975) Born in Rowan County, son of Luther Vastine and Cora Ann (Brown) Fisher, and twin brother to Rev. Herman George Fisher. Graduated from Catawba College, 1928, having studied at Roanoke College, also. Studied law one year at the University of North Carolina. Graduated from Southern Seminary, 1933; D.D. conferred by Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1960. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1933. That same year transferred church membership from St. John's to his first pastorate. Served churches in South Carolina and North Carolina. Served Augsburg, Winston-Salem, 1942 until retirement in 1971. Was recognized as an outstanding preacher and had sermons published in *Ministers Annual*, *Preaching Today*, and *The Expositor*. Married Ruth Lyerly, Salisbury, June 24, 1933. One son, one daughter. Died at his home in Winston-Salem, June 22, 1975.

FISHER, ROSCOE BROWN. (Nov. 21, 1909-) Born in Rowan County, son of Luther Vastine and Cora Ann (Brown) Fisher; confirmed at St. John's, April 9, 1922. Graduated from UNC, Chapel Hill, 1931, and from Southern Seminary, 1934; graduate study at UNC and Columbia University. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1934. Served St. John's as assistant pastor, summer 1934; student pastor at Chapel Hill 1934-35. Served other pastorates in NC, organizing Lutheran congregations in Fayetteville, Asheboro, and Hamlet, and carried all three congregations through building programs. Transferred to New York Synod, 1952, where he was active in the mission and student programs of the Synod. Became affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, 1954. Served as editor of the *North Carolina Lutheran* and as North Carolina correspondent to *The Lutheran*. Retired to Statesville, 1974. Married Pauline Little, Statesville, Sept. 28, 1935. Two sons, four daughters.

FREEZE, GRAY LAWRENCE. (Sept. 23, 1925-) Born in Cabarrus County, NC, son of William Reynolds and Effie (Gatton) Freeze. Transferred membership to St. John's from Methodist Church in China Grove, Dec. 16, 1945. Graduated from Catawba College, 1947, having spent

two years at Brevard College; graduated from Southern Seminary, 1950. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1950. Served churches in North Carolina. Presently [1983] is pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Chicago, IL. Married Florence Estelle Yarborough, a member of St. John's, May 28, 1950.

JULIAN, WILLIAM ALEXANDER. (Nov. 28, 1830-Aug. 19, 1913) Born in Salisbury, son of William and Fanny (Thomason) Julian. [There are no records available to indicate his church membership, but some of his family were listed in the membership roll of 1857. A great-niece, Mrs. Frances Julian Hines Lefevre, was a member of St. John's in 1983.] Graduated from North Carolina College in Mount Pleasant, 1855. Licensed to preach, 1856, and ordained by N. C. Synod, 1859. Was very active in the N. C. Synod. Served churches in Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, and Rowan Counties. Organized Haven Lutheran Church in Salisbury, 1899, and served that congregation with Christ Church, East Spencer. Retired to Mason City, FL, 1900. Later moved to Leesville, SC. Also served churches in Florida, New York, New Jersey, and Georgia. Was secretary of N. C. Synod, 1867, and president, 1869. Married Emily Caroline Reed of Alamance County, in Salisbury, Aug. 9, 1853. Five sons, two daughters.

KERN, JAMES SUMMER. (Jan. 2, 1903-1981) Born in Rowan County, son of John Augustus and Josephine (Summers) Kern, was baptized at St. John's, Oct. 5, 1911. Half brother to Thomas W. Kern, influential Lutheran layman. Graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1923, and from Philadelphia Seminary, 1926. Received Master of Social Work degree from University of Denver, 1938. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1928, and transferred to Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Served St. Paul, Millville, NJ, 1928-1934. Voluntarily withdrew from ministry in 1935 to pursue a career in education. In 1939 joined the faculty at the University of Denver as professor of Social Work where he remained until retirement except for service in U. S. Army as sergeant in Chaplaincy Section, 1942-45. Never married. Died in Denver, CO.

KITE, WILLIAM JACKSON, JR. (May 26, 1933-) Born in Fayetteville, NC, son of William Jackson and Flora Mae (Lawson) Kite. Moved to Salisbury with his family when his father accepted a position at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Joined St. John's in 1954. Graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1955, and from Southern Seminary, 1958. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1958. Served Mount Herman in Iredell County, 1958-59. Served Reformation, Taylorsville, 1959-73, after which time he withdrew from the ministry. Married Barbara Jean Conner, March 1, 1955, York, SC. Two sons, one daughter.

LEAZER, CARL WAYNE. (Jan. 3, 1932-) Born in Salisbury, NC, son of Carl E. and Edna (Cauble) Leazer, was confirmed in 1946 at St. John's. Graduated from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY,

1956, and from Southern Seminary, 1961. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1961. Served as assistant pastor and director of music, 1961-63, at Holy Trinity, Hickory, NC. Transferred to South Eastern Synod, 1963; assistant pastor and director of music, St. Paul, Savannah, GA, 1963-65. Was pastor in Columbus, GA, then spent a year in Germany, studying music and theology. Accepted call to Calvary Lutheran Church in the Bronx, NY, and stayed nine years before moving to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in the Brentwood-BayShore area. Also sang with a number of choirs and choral groups. Composer of anthem, published by Concordia Publishing House. Listed in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*. Married Beverly Janes, Nov. 18, 1972, Richmond Hill, NY.

LYERLY, FRANK EDWARD. (Feb. 26, 1930-) Born in Rowan County, son of Burley Franklin and Elizabeth (Trexler) Lyerly. Confirmed at St. John's, 1944. Graduated from Catawba College, 1952, and from Southern Seminary, 1955. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1955. Served as a pastor in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. Now [1983] located at Gloria Dei in Holmes Beach, FL. Married Barbara Alice Brown, Prosperity, SC, May 25, 1955. Two sons, one daughter.

MILHOLLAND, WILLIAM FRANKLIN. (Aug. 21, 1929-) Born in Statesville, NC, son of Ira Franklin and Mabel P. (Stikeleather) Milholland. Joined St. John's Aug. 22, 1954, transferring from the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church in Salisbury. Graduated from Catawba College, 1951. Served in the U. S. Navy, 1951-1955. Graduated from Southern Seminary, 1958. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1958. Served Macedonia, Burlington, 1958-61; Christ Church, Roanoke, VA, 1961-68; St. Paul's, Wilmington, 1968-75; was called to St. Andrew's, Hickory. Has had a fruitful ministry in the Lenoir-Rhyne College environment, where a recent project of the congregation has been the construction and support of "Lutherhaus," a housing complex for the elderly and handicapped. Active in synodical and community organizations. Served three times as delegate to the conventions of the Lutheran Church in America. Married Mary Anne Beaver, a member of St. John's, Salisbury, March 20, 1952. Four sons.

MILLER, HENDERSON NEIFFER. (June 8, 1872-1939) Born in Salisbury, son of Calvin J. and Jane S. (Ketchie) Miller, and was baptized Nov. 3, 1872, by Rev. J. G. Neiffer, pastor of St. John's. [Beside the baptismal entry is the added note: "St. John's first son for the Lutheran ministry."] Graduated from N. C. College, 1891; from Gettysburg College, 1894; and Ph.D. from Gettysburg College, 1896. Ordained by Maryland Synod, 1894. Served congregations in North Carolina, Ohio, Georgia, and Virginia. Served as principal of Mont Amoena Seminary in Mount Pleasant, 1897-1902; president of Marion Junior College, Salem, VA; and superintendent of the Artman Home in Ambler, PA. Served as secretary of the N. C. Synod, 1897-1902.

Retired in 1933 to China Grove. Married Cora Lee Patterson, China Grove, 1894. One son, three daughters. Died on a visit to Philadelphia, PA, in 1939. Buried in China Grove. At the time of his death, was a member of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent states.

RENDLEMAN, CHRISTOPHER HENRY. (March 18, 1935-) Born in Fort Wayne, IN, son of David Atwell and Grace (Aaron) Rendleman and brother to Rev. Toby Aaron Rendleman, was confirmed at St. John's, 1949. Attended Davidson College two years. Graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1956, and from Southern Seminary, 1959. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1959. Transferred to Virginia Synod and served as pastor of First Lutheran, Norfolk, 1959-61. Moved to Bristol, TN, 1961-67. Returned to North Carolina as pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Hickory, 1967, where he uses his gift of music, inherited from his mother, to extend his service to his congregation and community. Married Susan Atherton, Spartanburg, SC, Aug. 30, 1958. One son, one daughter.

RENDLEMAN, TOBY AARON. (July 11, 1927-) Born in Salisbury, NC, son of David Atwell and Grace (Aaron) Rendleman, and brother to Rev. Christopher Rendleman. Graduated from Catawba College, 1950, and from Southern Seminary, 1953. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1953. Served congregations in North Carolina, Indiana, and Kentucky. At present [1983] he is pastor of Holy Cross in Kokomo, IN. His congregation won fame a few years ago when a member gave birth to quadruplets and all of the congregation joined it to help the over-burdened family. Married Theresa Audry Thue, Woodlyn, PA, Aug. 3, 1948. One son, three daughters.

RITCHIE, CLARENCE ROSS, JR. (Sept. 25, 1932-) Born in Rocky Mount, NC, son of Rev. Clarence Ross and Barbara Ada (Brady) Ritchie, and great-grandson of Dr. George H. Cox. Transferred membership to St. John's from St. Andrews, Hickory, 1955. Graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1954, and from Southern Seminary, 1967. Ordained by NC Synod, 1957, and served congregations in North Carolina and South Carolina. In 1971 became pastor of Augsburg, Winston-Salem, where he has an active ministry in a center-city church. Also contributed to many boards and committees of the church on the synodical and national levels. Served as a delegate to the convention of the Lutheran Church in America twice, but has attended all since 1962. Active in various facets of community life in all his pastorates. Honored by Lenoir-Rhyne with a D.D. degree, 1980. Married Jo Anne Hall, a member of St. John's, at Salisbury, May 22, 1955. One son, four daughters.

SIMS, ROBERT FREDERICK. (Nov. 6, 1936-) Born in Spartanburg, SC, son of Joseph Lon and Hester (Moser) Sims; confirmed in March 1951 at St. John's. Graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1958, and from Southern Seminary, 1961. Ordained by N. C. Synod, 1961. Served

congregations in Shelby, NC, and in McLean, VA. Since January 1973 has been pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC, where he has led the congregation in an extensive program of social service to the local community and has brought national attention to a program by which a congregation can serve the inner-city community. Married Mary Frances Carpenter of Dallas, NC, May 6, 1958. One son, two daughters.

SMITH, TIMOTHY MARCUS. (Jan. 20, 1960-) Born in Lenoir, NC, son of Dr. Marcus Carroll and Dorothy (Walker) Smith; moved with his family to Salisbury, 1968. Confirmed at St. John's, 1975. Recipient of a prestigious Morehead Scholarship at UNC, Chapel Hill; graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Religion and with Phi Beta Kappa honors, 1982. On the Morehead Scholarship participated in a summer of overseas travel to Africa where he saw some of the mission work of the church and in the summer of 1982 visited several African countries. Entered Gettysburg Seminary, Gettysburg, PA in the autumn, 1982. As an intern, was called by the Lutheran Church in America to serve the Lutheran American Church in West Berlin, Germany. Was to return to the Seminary to complete the course of study for Master of Divinity degree. Married Wendy Weisner, Roanoke Rapids, NC, Dec. 18, 1983.

TREXLER, FLOYD COLUMBUS. (Oct. 28, 1922-) Born in Rowan County, son of Luther L. and Mary (File) Trexler. Transferred from Haven to St. John's, April 14, 1946. Graduated from Catawba College, 1952, and from Southern Seminary, 1953. Ordained by the N. C. Synod, 1953. After serving several congregations in North Carolina, transferred to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. [The Division for Missions in North America of the Lutheran Church in America cited Pastor Trexler and his mission congregation, Fenner Memorial in Louisville, KY, in 1971, because of their creative and effective program in a changing neighborhood. Pastor Trexler developed a wide and varied program for all ages and all people, which included his songs and his puppets.] Now [1983] serving as pastor at Gloria Dei, Highland, IN. Married Marie Rehm, Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 10, 1946. Two sons, two daughters.

MISSIONARIES AND A DEACONESS

FREEZE, JERRY ALLEN. (Nov. 26, 1944-) Born in Statesville, NC, son of Ira V. and Elizabeth (Winters) Freeze. Became a member of St. John's, March 22, 1970, by letter of transfer from St. Marks, Mooresville. In a service held at St. John's August 20, 1972, Mr. Freeze was commissioned by the Division of World Mission and Ecumenism of the Lutheran Church of America, as a special missionary to Liberia, Africa, to serve as a technical consultant and maintenance supervisor for the Curran Hospital and Lutheran Training Institute at Zorzor. With

his wife Dixie, and their three children, they left for this assignment October 17, 1972. Their fourth child was born in Africa. While in the mission field this missionary family was supported by St. John's through the Division of World Mission and Ecumenism. [Reports of their experiences may be found in letters which they wrote home and were printed in *St. John's Journal* (bound in Volume 2, 1967-77.)] Because of family health problems, the mission assignment was terminated in 1977 and the family returned to Salisbury. They moved to Columbia, SC, where Jerry was Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at Southern Seminary, and transferred their church membership to Ebenezer in Columbia, Nov. 8, 1979. Mr. Freeze currently [1983] serves as director of the Karl W. Kinard Conference Center in Leesville, SC.

MORGAN, GLADYS, B.S., M.A., M.D., D.N.B. [Dr. Gladys Morgan Happer]. (March 30, 1904-Nov. 28, 1963) Born in Enochville, daughter of Rev. Dr. Jacob Levi Morgan, later N. C. Synod president, and Mrs. [Elizabeth Virginia Clay Shoup] Morgan. Joined St. John's with her parents in 1919. Received her B.S. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College; M.A. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina; attended the two-year medical school at UNC; received her M.D. degree from Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia; and did research in Geneva, Switzerland.

Commissioning by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America as a medical missionary to India was held in St. John's, March 21, 1935. Participants were Rev. S. W. Herman, president, Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. J. L. Morgan, father of the missionary; Rev. P. E. Monroe, D.D., member, Board of Foreign Missions; and Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, pastor of St. John's. Mrs. J. L. Morgan, representing the General Missionary Society, presented her daughter for the commissioning. Dr. Gladys Morgan was the first medical missionary from the N. C. Synod and the first foreign missionary from St. John's. Sailed for India April 10, 1935. Became chief medical officer at Kugler Memorial Hospital in Guntur, 1935-1939. Married Dr. William Happer, a native of England stationed in India as captain with the British medical service, Aug. 15, 1938.* At the outbreak of World War II, Dr. Gladys returned to Salisbury with their children, two sons and one daughter. After the war, Dr. William came to America and opened a medical practice in Lenoir, NC. Dr. Gladys was fatally injured in an automobile accident Nov. 28, 1963. The funeral was held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lenoir conducted by Rev. George A. Keck, pastor, and Dr. George R. Whittecar, president of N. C. Synod. Buried in Blue Ridge Memorial Park, Lenoir.

STIREWALT, CATHARINE AMELIA. (Sept. 26, 1908-) Born in Mulberry, IN, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther Stirewalt and his wife,

* See Appendix C

Caroline (Dentzer) Stirewalt. Joined St. John's, March 5, 1930, with her parents when her father was called as pastor to St. John's congregation. Graduated from Carthage College, Carthage, IL, 1929, (two years at Wheaton), and received her M.A. degree from N. Y. University, 1939. Taught in high school at Lincolnton for six years before going to NYU. One of the leading workers of the Luther League of North Carolina for nine years, during which time she served as president of the Luther League, field secretary, and on the executive committee.

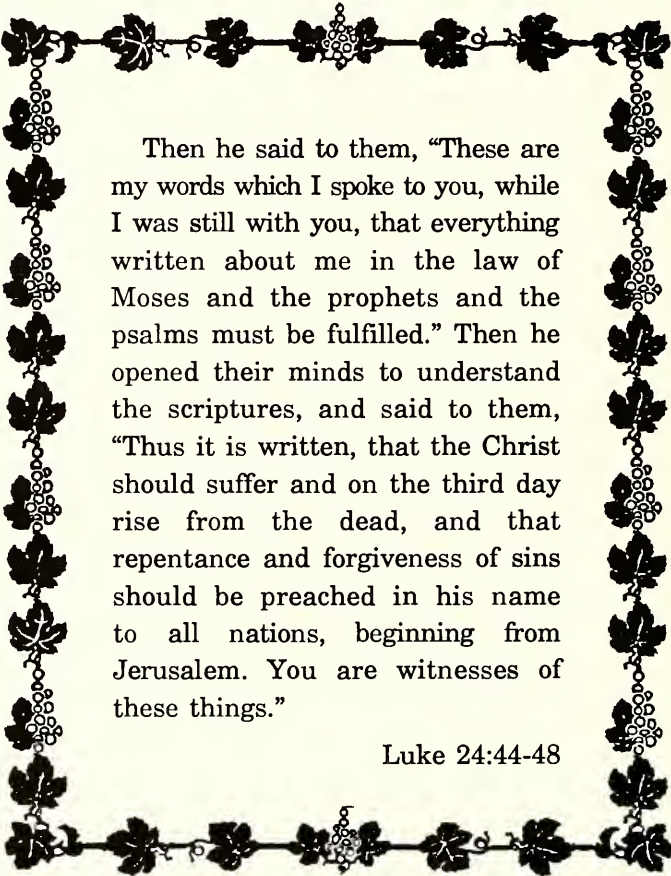
At the commissioning by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America as a missionary to China on Sept. 10, 1939, at St. John's, the liturgical service was read by Dr. P. D. Brown, pastor; and the sermon was preached by Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, father of the missionary. Miss Stirewalt was presented by Miss Mildred Winston for commissioning in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church in America. The service was read by Dr. P. E. Monroe, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Miss Stirewalt sailed for her assignment to Shandong Province of North China, Sept. 26, 1939, and for one and a half years attended language school at Peking studying the language; then was assigned to Tsimo in Shandong Province at a girls school where she taught English and studied Chinese. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, all the American missionaries were placed under house arrest and later were interned. Catharine was repatriated in December 1943 in an exchange of civilian prisoners of war with the Japanese. She returned to the mission field after the war, but arrival of the Communists into the area led to another evacuation in January 1949. After waiting in vain in Hong Kong, hoping to return to Qingclaw (Tsingtao), she returned to the United States in June. In the fall of 1949, Catharine accepted a teaching position at the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse and School in Baltimore, MD. She was consecrated as a deaconess of the United Lutheran Church in America, June 28, 1950. Her membership had remained at St. John's until 1950 when she transferred to the Deaconess Congregation in Baltimore. Catharine is now [1983] classified as "retired but working," and lives in Salisbury and is again a member of St. John's. Catharine Stirewalt is the only woman from St. John's to become a deaconess.

WHITENER, BARBARA BROWN. (April 24, 1923-) Born in Columbia, SC, daughter of Dr. Pleasant David Brown and his wife, Florence Adelle (Bodenhorn) Brown. Joined St. John's with her parents, June 11, 1939, by transfer from Ebenezer, Columbia, when her father became pastor of St. John's congregation. Graduated from Catawba College, 1944. Married Sterling Whitener at St. John's, July 1, 1944.

After Sterling graduated from Yale Divinity School in 1945, he and Barbara entered Yale Chinese Language School for a year's study of

Mandarin. The Whiteners went to China in the fall of 1946, where they both served as missionaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Yueyang in the province of Hunan, teaching for two years in a school for boys. They moved to Hankow in Hupei Province where they worked for fifteen months, teaching and working in rural churches. After the Korean War started, they returned to the United States in 1950. In 1952 the Whiteners went to Hong Kong to help with refugee problems, and worked under the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China. They continued in this area of social work until 1967 when they returned to Salisbury. Barbara and Sterling have six children, including an adopted Chinese daughter, and seven grandchildren.



Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:44-48

CHAPTER EIGHT

PASTORS

By Lewis and Ann Frank

AGNER, TERRY WAYNE, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1962-63. Born April 3, 1932, in Guilford Co., NC. Parents: Roy Augusta and Elsie Watson Agner. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1954; Gettysburg Seminary, B.D. 1958; Michigan State University, summer courses; UNC-Charlotte, Department of Human Development and Learning, course work for M.Ed.; Drew University, Madison, NJ, Course Work completed for D.Min. Married Janice Clodfelter at Troutman, NC, August 26, 1959. Children: John Michael and Amy Gretchen. Ordained 1958 by NC Synod. Other churches served: mission developer, ULCA Board of American Missions, 1958-60; Our Redeemer, Greenville, NC, 1960-62; St. Mark's, China Grove, NC, 1963-69; synodical Secretary of Christian Education and Youth Ministry, NC Synod, LCA, 1969; Administrative Assistant to the President, NC Synod, LCA, 1969-78; Emmanuel, Lincolnton, NC, 1978-present [1983]. Member, Boards of Trustees of Lutheridge, 1967-80, and Lenoir-Rhyne College 1980-present [1983]. Member, synodical committees: College and University Work, 1958-61; chairman, Youth Ministry, 1962-69.

ALDRICH, NICODEMUS (NATHAN), pastor at St. John's, 1864-66. Born January 14, 1816, in Charleston, SC. Parents: Robert and Ann H. Lebby Aldrich. Education: Theological studies under Dr. Barnwell of the Episcopal Church. Married Elizabeth Stroebe in Charleston. Children: two sons. Licensed 1840 by Dr. John Bachman and ordained 1841 by SC Synod. Other parishes served: Georgia and South Carolina, 1841-1859; St. Mark's, Charlotte, NC, 1865-74; Illinois, 1874-77; St. Matthew's, Kings Mountain, NC, 1880. President, Organizing Convention, General Synod South, 1863. President, NC Synod, 1867; secretary, 1868. Co-editor, *The Southern Lutheran* and *The Evangelical Lutheran*. Died June 3, 1886. Buried at Charlotte, NC.

ANTHONY, JACOB BROWN, pastor at St. John's, 1844-46. Born October 30, 1808. Married Martha Hardaway Mitchell, January 31, 1836. Children: Emory Morris, Mary Agnes, William Dawson, Catherine Susan, Thomas Theophilus, Martha Roxana, Octavia Elizabeth, Jacob Bachman. Later married Nancy Nunamaker, December 17, 1876. No children. Ordained by Methodist Church, 1832. Received by NC Synod, 1844. Other parishes served: Union, Rowan Co., NC; Becks-Pilgrim, Davidson Co.,

NC; St. Paul's, Iredell Co., NC (1845-49); in South Carolina, 1849-58. New Bethel, Stanly Co., NC; St. John's, Cabarrus Co., NC; St. Michael's, Troutman, NC; St. Paul's, Iredell Co., NC (1860-82). [According to Bernheim's history, presumed to have served in Pennsylvania, 1867-1877.] Served both NC and SC Synods several terms as secretary and as president. Died November 20, 1886. Buried at Mount Pleasant, NC. [Also see pp. 129-132, Volume 1.]

ARENDT (ARNDT), JOHANN GOTTFRIED, pastor at St. John's 1775-1785. Born on December 1, 1740, in Goettingen, Hanover, Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony), Germany. Son of Georg Christoph Arendt or Simon Christoph Arendt. Education: Goettingen University and Hanover Teachers' Seminary. Married Hannah Rudisill of Lincoln Co., NC, October 24, 1776. Children: John, Jacob, Frederick, Catherine, Elizabeth, Hannah, Susannah, and Magdalene (Mary). Came to America from Germany in 1773 as a certified teacher with missionary pastor Adolph Nussmann "in compliance with the desire of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation in North Carolina, namely, in Rowan County, to have a capable school teacher" in addition to a pastor. Ordained "a regular Evangelical Lutheran pastor and minister," August 28, 1775, at Second Creek Church by Joachim Buelow, "Missionary and Inspector over South and North Carolina." Was thus the first Lutheran pastor to be ordained in North Carolina. Served many Rowan area churches, including St. John's, before moving west to the Lincoln Co. area where he became known as "father of the Lutheran Church beyond the Catawba River." Was elected president of the NC Lutheran Synod when organized in Salisbury in 1803 near the end of his thirty-two years of ministry in NC. Died in 1807. Buried in Emmanuel Lutheran Church cemetery, Lincolnton, NC.

BERNHARDT, CHRISTIAN EBERHARD, pastor at St. John's 1787-1788. Born at Stuttgart, Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 1763. Nephew of the Reverend Bernhardt, "special Superintendent in Stuttgart," according to Nussmann. Preached to Salzburgers in Ebenezer, GA., 1786-87, before coming to NC to preach for the lower Second Creek charge in several Rowan Co. churches. Transferred from Rowan to Forsyth and Stokes Counties, 1788-89. Married. (Had son, David, who became one of the first graduates of Southern Seminary in 1834.) Ordained by Nussmann, Arendt, Storch, and Roschen in October 1791. Accepted call to the Saluda Charge, Lexington District, SC, in 1800. Died August 27, 1909. Buried at St. Michael's Church cemetery, near Columbia, SC.

BOLLES, EDWIN ABIEL, supply pastor at St. John's, 1835-36. Born May 10, 1812. Education: Tutored by John Bachman; Southern Seminary, 1835. Licensed by SC Synod, 1835, and by NC Synod, 1836. Ordained by SC Synod in Ebenezer Church, Effingham Co., GA, 1837. Other churches served: in GA, 1837-1843; in SC: supplied Charleston area, 1844-1846, taught and supplied in Aiken and Newberry, 1848-1852.

Agent, American Bible Society, 1836(?) - 1876; agent, Confederate States Bible Society, 1863-1866. Chaplain State Asylum in SC, 1876-1892. Vice-president SC Synod, 1874-1875. President SC Synod, 1876-1877. Died 1893; buried at Columbia, SC.

BROOKS, CHARLES EARNEST, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1964-1968. Born September 8, 1938, in Gaston Co., NC. Parents: Barnet B. and Almeddy Sprinkle Brooks. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1961; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1964; UNC-CH, School of Public Health, M.S.P.H. 1972, and D.P.H. 1974; Certifications in Clinical Pastoral Education, NC Memorial Hospital, UNC-CH; Structural Family Therapy, Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic; Training Program, Ackerman Institute of Family Therapy; Gestalt Training with various instructors; Workshop in Community Psychiatry, UNC-CH; National Training Laboratories, Green Lake, WI. Married Jo Anne Cloninger at Dallas, NC, August 28, 1960. Children: Nina Marcelle, Carol Anne. Ordained in 1964 by NC Synod. Other churches served: First Lutheran Church, Carlisle, PA, 1968-70. Member, chaplain's staff, NC Memorial Hospital, UNC-CH, 1970-72; counselor, Division of Family and Child Services, Tressler-Lutheran Service Associates, 1972-74; administrator, Tressler-Lutheran Service Associates, 1974-83; vice-president, Lutheran Service Association of New England; president, Lutheran Child and Family Services of CT, MA, NH, and ME., 1983; member, numerous synodical committees in NC, Central PA, and New England; consultant to these Lutheran agencies: Lutheran Ministries, FL; Lutheran Welfare Service, Northeast PA; Lutheran Family and Children Services of Philadelphia; Lutheran Social Services, MN; Tri-District Task Force, Northeast PA Synod.

BROWN, PLEASANT DAVID, pastor at St. John's, 1939-1952. Born November 26, 1880, at Granite Quarry, Rowan Co., NC. Parents: Nathan and Rosa S. Agner Brown. Education: Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, 1906; Roanoke College, A.B. 1909, M.A. 1910; Philadelphia Seminary, 1913. Married Florence Adelle Bodenhorn at Philadelphia, PA, August 20, 1913. Children Robert Meredith, Janice Adelle, Barbara Louise, Lois Elizabeth. Ordained 1913 by NC Synod. Other churches served: Woman's Memorial [later renamed Emmanuel], High Point, NC, 1913-1921; Ebenezer, Columbia, SC, 1921-1939. Received honorary D.D. degree from Newberry College, 1926. Member, Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary, 1940-1952 (president, 1943-1952). Member, ULCA Executive Board as well as other boards and commissions, including Parish and Church School, Social Mission, Education, Church Papers, Theological Education, National Lutheran Council, Commission to Study Change of Officers' Titles to conform to Ecclesiastical and Historical Usage. Delegate from SC and NC Synods to twelve ULCA conventions (chaplain to 1946 convention.) ULCA delegate to Lutheran World

Federation Convention at Lund, Sweden, 1947. Author of *The Christian Home*, a study text; "Christ in the Home: The Family Altar," L.L.M. leaflet; "Things We Ought to Know," pamphlet on church worship; "The Widow's Mite," a meditation in *God's Moment*. Also editor, September 1936 issue of *Light for Today*. Died August 3, 1952. Buried in City Memorial Park, Salisbury, NC. [Also see pp. 244-279, Volume 1.]

BUSBY, LEVI ENOCH, pastor at St. John's, 1896-1902. Born September 5, 1849, in Lexington district, SC. Parents: Benjamin C. and Eva Folk Busby. Education: Newberry College, A.B. 1875; Southern Seminary, 1878. Married Sarah Anne Goode at Craig Co., VA, June 20, 1878. Children: Sally Virginia, John Carroll, William, Julian Goode. Licensed to preach by Southwest VA Synod in 1878; ordained by SC Synod in 1878. Other parishes served: mission work for Southwest VA Synod, 1878; several SC churches during Leesville, SC, pastorate, 1878-96; mission work in Asheville, NC, 1896; Holy Trinity, Mount Pleasant, NC, 1902-03. Established Leesville (SC) English and Classical Institute; secretary, SC Synod, 1881; president, SC Synod 1892-93. Secretary, NC Synod, 1898-1900. Received honorary D.D. from North Carolina College in 1901. Died March 14, 1903. Buried at Mount Pleasant, NC. [Also see pp. 186-192, Volume 1.]

CAUBLE, HERMAN WOODROW, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1943-1944. Born November 11, 1918, in Rowan Co., NC. Parents: Luther Charles and Pearl Safrit Cauble. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1940; Southern Seminary, M.Div. 1943; University of SC and Chicago Seminary, graduate study. Married Elizabeth Petrea, Salisbury, NC, 1944. Children: Herman Woodrow, Jr.; Charles Eugene; Cynthia Elizabeth; Susan Dale. Ordained by NC Synod, 1943. Other churches served: St. John's, Cabarrus Co., NC, 1944-49, Ascension, Columbia, SC, 1949-65. Secretary of SC Synod, 1965-71; president of SC Synod, 1971-80; bishop of SC Synod, 1980-present [1983]. Member, Boards of Trustees: Newberry College, Southern Seminary, Lowman Home, Lutheridge. Member, LCA Board of Pensions. Received honorary D.D. degree from Newberry College in 1970.

COFFMAN, JOHN H., pastor at St. John's, 1848-52. Born in 1827. Education: Roanoke College; Theological Seminary, Lexington, SC. Licensed to preach by NC Synod in 1848. Married (1) Elizabeth A. Locke, Rowan County, October 23, 1850. Married (2) Margaret C. Anderson, Rowan County, December 23, 1851. As pastor of St. John's, chaired building committee for new church in 1848; also served St. Enoch's, Kannapolis, NC, 1849-50. Opened a book store in 1850. Moved to SC, 1852. [Also see pp. 132-136, Volume 1.]

CONE, WILLIAM HENRY, pastor at St. John's, 1866-70; co-pastor with Simeon Scherer, 1869-70. Born December 11, 1825. Married (1) Carmilla (Cornelia) C. Miller, December 21, 1865. Married (2) Barbara

A. Shirley at New Market, VA, December 1876. Son: Shirley Z., by second marriage. Ordained by Southwest VA Synod, 1858. Received by NC Synod, 1866. Other NC churches served, 1864-81: Becks-Pilgrim-St. Luke's-Lebanon, Davidson Co.; Union and Organ, Rowan Co. Also supplied St. James, Cabarrus Co., and in Rowan Co.: St. Peter's, St. Matthew's, Luther's, Lutheran Chapel, Center Grove, and St. Paul's. President, NC Synod, 1872-73. Died December 22, 1902. Buried at St. Matthew's Church cemetery, New Market, VA.

DASHER, LEWIS OTTO, interim pastor at St. John's, 1974-75. Born December 30, 1902, in Marlow, GA. Parents: Olin George and Caroline Salome Zittauer Dasher, whose younger sons, Olin G. and Everette A., also became Lutheran ministers. Education: first year of college at Lenoir-Rhyne; Muhlenberg College, A.B. 1927; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1930. Married Ruth Irene Coon, Lincoln Co., NC, May 12, 1931. Son: the Reverend Robert Lewis Dasher. Ordained by GA-AL Synod, 1930. Received by NC Synod from SC Synod, 1947. Other churches served: Ebenezer, Rincon, GA, 1930-39; St. David's, West Columbia, SC, 1939-1949; Mt. Calvary, Claremont, NC, 1949-56. Transferred to VA Synod to become pastor at Reformation, New Market, VA, 1957-69. Member, Committee on Arrangements, ULCA convention, Savannah, GA, 1934. Retired 1970.

DOSH, THOMAS WILLIAM LUTHER, pastor at St. John's, 1876-77. Born November 21, 1830 at Strasburg, VA. Parents: Thomas William and Mary Swan Dosh. Education: Gettysburg College, A.B. 1856; Gettysburg Seminary, 1858. Married Catherine Brown, Winchester, VA, November 3, 1864. Children: Katharine, William Henry, Portia Baker, Fanny Bachman, Virginia, Mary Ellen, Olive Augusta, Bowman Campbell, Mary Krauth. Licensed 1858 and ordained 1859 by VA Synod. Other parishes served: several in WV and VA, 1859-72; St. John's, Charleston, SC, 1872-76; Burkittsville, MD, 1885-89. Received honorary D.D. degree from Roanoke College, 1875. President, Roanoke College, 1877-78. Professor, Southern Seminary at Salem, VA, 1878-84. Editor, *The Lutheran Visitor* 1874-78, *The Lutheran Home* 1876-86. Died December 24, 1889. Buried at Winchester, VA. [Also see pp. 167-169, Volume 1.]

EFIRD, FRANK KIMBALL, pastor at St. John's, 1953-63. Born November 1, 1916, at Wadesboro, NC. Parents: Frank Martin and Beulah Pauline Kimball Efird. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1938; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1941. Married Sybil Eloise Trexler, Concord, NC, November 14, 1942. Children: Frank Kimball, Jr., Sybil Jane. Ordained by NC Synod, 1941. Other parishes served: St. Luke's-Morning Star, Monroe, NC, 1941-43; (as organizer and supply pastor) St. Paul's, Hamlet, NC, 1941-42; Holy Trinity, Wytheville, VA, 1943-46; Christ, Roanoke, VA, 1946-53; Luther Memorial, Madison, WI, 1963-73; Holy

Trinity, Akron, OH, 1973-83. Received honorary D.D. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1957. NC correspondent to *The Lutheran*; editor, *The Virginia Lutheran* 1948-63. Member, 1953-63, and vice-chairman, 1960-1963, Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees; also Chairman of Directing Committee for \$1,500,000 campaign, 1955, and member of the committee for \$2,000,000 campaign, 1963. Member, ULCA Board of Parish Education, 1954-62; chairman of Joint Board Committee for new parish education curriculum, 1960-62; member, Board of Pensions. Member, Executive Council, LCA, 1962-68. LCA delegate to Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Helsinki, Finland, 1963. ULCA councilor, National Lutheran Council; member, Executive Committee, 1958-62. Participant in exchange program of U.S.A. National Council of Churches and British Council of Churches as preacher in England and Scotland, 1961. Member, Boards of Trustees, Carthage College and Hamma School of Theology. Author of *Meditations and Prayers*, delivered as chaplain of 1960 and 1962 ULCA conventions; "Observe a Week of National Penitence" in *The National Lutheran*, June 1961; sermons in *The Christian Century Pulpit*; national Sunday School lessons and other devotional materials. [Also see pp. 283-316, Volume 1.]

FISHER, ROSCOE BROWN, assistant pastor at St. John's, summer, 1934. Born November 21, 1909, in Salisbury, NC. Parents: Luther Vastine and Cora Ann Brown Fisher. Grandson of the Reverend Richard L. Brown. Education: UNC, A.B. 1931; Southern Seminary, 1934; UNC and Columbia University, graduate study. Married Pauline Little, Statesville, NC, September 28, 1935. Children: Luther Brown (died in 8th year), Martha Little, Mary Pauline, Miriam Ann, Mildred Brown, Luther Brown II. Ordained by NC Synod, 1934. Other parishes served: pastor to Lutheran students at UNC, Chapel Hill, 1934-35; developer-organizer, St. James', Fayetteville, NC, 1935-38, and St. John's, Asheboro, NC, 1938-42; St. Paul's, Hamlet, NC, 1942-44; St. Stephen's-St. John's, Lenoir, NC, 1944-52. Transferred to NY Synod, 1952. NC correspondent to *The Lutheran*; editor, *North Carolina Lutheran*. Member of radio and television committees of synods and councils of churches. Not in Lutheran ministry after 1954. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

FRITZ, ROBERT DOUGLAS, pastor at St. John's, 1963-74. Born January 18, 1927, in Waukesha, WI. Parents: The Reverend Charles Everette and Rose Margaret Stump Fritz. (Father, Davidson Co., NC, native, president of GA-AL Synod.) Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, B.A. 1947; Southern Seminary, M.Div. 1950. Married Anne Estelle McClintock, Montreat, NC, June 8, 1952. Children: Robert Douglas, Jr.; David Alan. Ordained by GA-AL, Synod, 1950. Other churches served: Mt. Hebron, Hildebran, NC, 1950-54; Resurrection, Kings Mountain, NC, 1954-58; Bethany, Memphis, TN, 1958-63; King of Glory, New Port Richey, FL, 1975-81. Retired, Columbia, SC, 1981. Received honorary

D.D. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1971. Chairman, Evangelism, Southeastern Synod; member of NC Synod Executive Board; member, Board of Trustees, Lenoir-Rhyne College; co-founder, Rowan Cooperative Ministry. Present chapel and education building constructed at St. John's during his ministry. [Also see pp. 317-387, Volume 1.]

FULENWIDER, EDWARD, pastor at St. John's, 1920-30. Born November 29, 1876, in Salisbury, NC. Education: North Carolina College, A.B. 1925; Southern Seminary, 1902. Married Minnie Venora Blackwelder, Mt. Pleasant, NC, May 6, 1903. Children: Paul E. B.; George Osborne; Mary Houseal; Edward, Jr. Ordained by NC Synod 1902. Other parishes served: St. Andrew's-Mt. Hermon, Concord, NC, 1902-1904; as synodical missionary-organizer and pastor First Church, Lexington, NC, 1904-08; Redeemer, Newberry, SC, 1908-20; Macedonia, Burlington, NC, 1930-40; Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC, 1940-47. Retired 1947 to live at Mount Pleasant and supply Mt. Gilead, Cabarrus Co., NC; Faith, NC, Luther's, Rowan Co., NC; St. Andrew's, Concord, NC; 1947-55. Later moved to Union, SC. Received honorary D.D. degree from Newberry College in 1925. Member, Board of Trustees, Lenoir-Rhyne College; president, SC Synod, 1916-18; delegate, 1918 organizing convention and later ULCA conventions. In nine-year pastorate at St. John's, achieved record in reception of members: 900 adult members (115 on one Sunday) and 329 infants by baptism; growth of St. John's Sunday School from a membership of 350 to more than 1,000; present St. John's church edifice built during his pastorate. Died May 1, 1962, at Union, SC. Buried in Rosemont Cemetery, Newberry, SC. [Also see pp. 221-237, Volume 1.]

GOTWALD, FREDERICK GEBHART, associate pastor at St. John's, 1983-present time. Born May 4, 1922, in Kodiakanal, South India. Parents: the Reverend Luther Alexander and Ethel Grace Bare Gotwald, missionaries. Education: Gettysburg College, A.B. 1943; Gettysburg Seminary, B.D. 1946. Married Margaret Leila Miller, Silver Spring, MD, October 10, 1947. Children: Frederick Kimball, Paul Michael, Luther Alexander, Victoria Anne. Ordained by United Lutheran Synod of New York, 1947. Other churches served: assistant pastor, Reformation, Rochester, NY, 1946-49; Our Saviour, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, 1949-70; assistant to the Bishop, Upper New York Synod, Syracuse, NY, 1970-1983. President, NY Conference, United Lutheran Synod of NY and New England, 1960-62; Dean of the Tappan Zee district of NY Synod, ULCA, 1964-66; member, Executive Board of the Metropolitan NY Synod, LCA, 1967-1970.

GROSECLOSE, LEVI C., supply pastor, 1851, and pastor, 1856-65, at St. John's. Born June 6, 1820, in Smyth Co., VA. Parents: John and Mary Snaveley Groseclose. Education: Wittenberg College. Married Betty Honeycutt, Rowan Co. Children: John, William, Anna. Licensed 1849

and ordained 1850 by the SW VA Synod. Other parishes served: Becks-Pilgrim-St. Luke's, Davidson Co., NC, 1849-54; Union, Rowan Co., NC, (supply 1851); Rowan Co., NC, 1856-65; New Jerusalem, Davie Co., NC, 1861-63; St. Stephen's, Cabarrus Co., NC, 1865-66; also supplying Friedens, Guilford Co., NC; St. Paul's, Alamance Co., NC; St. Matthew's, Rowan Co., NC; 1866. Luther's, Rowan Co., NC, 1866-67; St. John's, Cabarrus Co.-Holy Trinity (org. 1868 at Mount Pleasant)-New Bethel, Rowan Co., NC; 1867-72. Transferred to Southern IL Synod. Secretary, NC Synod (two one-year terms); president, NC Synod, one term. Member, Joint Committee to Recommend Terms for Union of NC and TN Synods, 1870. Died May 2, 1905. Buried at Eureka, Kansas. [Also see pp. 138-150, Volume 1.]

HARTER, WILLIAM GEORGE, supply pastor at St. John's, 1854-1855. Born September 25, 1811, in Barnwell district, SC. Parents: George and Margaret Platts Harter. Education: Classical and Theological Institute (Southern Seminary), Lexington Court House, SC, 1837. Married (1) Margaret Virginia Nuttall of Richmond, VA, at Salisbury, NC, December 30, 1846. Children: Laura Louisa Euphrasine; William Olinthus Fontaine; Edwin Hazelius Nuttall; Marie Susan Virginia; unnamed infant daughter, who died 33 days after birth. Married (2) Charlotte E. Hine, Silver Run, OH, January 6, 1858. Children: George Elwyn, Margaret Estilla, Carrie Lamenta. Licensed 1837 and ordained 1838 by SC Synod. Served in SC, 1836-41. Parishes served in NC, 1841-56, listed by counties. Cabarrus Co.: Cold Water; Mt. Carmel; St. James, Concord (organized 1843). Rowan Co.: St. Enoch's, Union, Luther's. Stanly Co.: New Bethel. Iredell Co.: (supplied) St. Paul's. Served churches in KY, 1857-64. Traveled for home missions cause in PA, MD, VA, KY, TN, and NC. Served NC Synod for five one-year terms as secretary, then as president, 1850-1851. Member, synod committee to visit destitute people in Lincoln and Catawba Cos., 1844. Fraternal delegate, 1844, to SW VA and SC Synods. Author of "The Abrahamic Covenant: A Treatise on Infant Baptism." Died July 31, 1864. Buried at Hopeful Church cemetery in Florence, Kentucky.

HENKEL, PAUL, "traveling preacher" to St. John's in 1787. First Lutheran pastor born in NC. Born December 15, 1754, in Rowan (the part now called Davie) Co. Parents: Jacob and Mary Barbara Teeter Henkel. Education: Studied theology and the classics under the aegis of the Reverend John Andrew Krugh, Fredericktown, MD. Licensed by the Ministerium of PA in June 1783, with renewal annually until ordination by the same synod on June 6, 1792. Married Elizabeth Negeley, November 20, 1776. Children: Solomon, Philip, Ambrose, Andrew, David, Charles, Hanna, Naomi, and Sabina. (The latter four sons, all ministers.) Served other churches in VA and elsewhere until 1806 when officially named a "traveling preacher." Appointed missionary to VA,

TN, and NC in 1808. Known to have served other NC parishes, 1800-05, including Dutchman's Creek Church (later called New Jerusalem, then Reformation; disbanded, 1925), Davie Co.; Becks-Bethany- Pilgrim, Davidson Co.; St. Luke's, Davidson Co.-Nazareth-Shiloh, Forsyth Co. Served as assistant to Johann Gottfried Arends (Arndt) at Emmanuel, Lincolnton, NC-Zion, Catawba Co., NC, in 1803. Also supplied St. Mark's, Gaston Co., NC, 1803. Was one of the four pastors with fourteen laymen organizing the NC Synod in 1803. Assisted in organizing Ohio Synod in 1818. With sons Philip and David and four other NC pastors, helped organize the TN Synod. Made countless missionary tours in NC, SC, VA, TN, OH, KY, and IN. Preached in both German and English. Wrote and published a work on Baptism and the Lord's Supper in German, 1809 (later translated into English); a German hymnbook with some hymns of his own composing, 1810; German and English catechisms based on *Luther's Small Catechism*. Died November 17, 1825, in New Market, VA. Buried at Emmanuel Church cemetery, New Market, VA.

HUDDLE, DAVID KELLER, pastor in team ministry, 1975-81, and senior pastor, 1981-present [1983], at St. John's. Born September 14, 1941, in Cabarrus Co., NC. Parents: the Reverend Keller Yonce and Sarah Frances Castor Huddle. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1963; Southern Seminary, M.Div., 1966. Married Betty Roof, Granite Quarry, NC, June 8, 1963. Children: Deborah Kelley, Lisa Suzanne, Jonathan David. Ordained by NC Synod, 1966. Other church served: Philadelphia, Granite Falls, NC, 1966-75. Recipient, Lamb Award, 1973. Member, Board of Directors and Finance Chairman of Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministries. Helped form Rowan Lutheran Scouts Association. Member, NC Synod Outdoor Ministries Building Committee; chairman, Board of Trustees, NC Lutheran Outdoor Ministries; member, NC Inter-Lutheran Commission, LOM; member, Synod Capital Funds Campaign, LOM; chairman, Synod Camp Committee; member, Synod Evangelical Outreach Task Force; member, Synod Cabinet of Parish Services; member, Synod Convention Committee; member, NC Synod Executive Board; chairman, Synod Nominations Committee; member, Synod Youth Ministry Accountability Group. Delegate from NC Synod to national LCA Camp Leaders Conference, 1976. Member, LCA Outdoor Ministries Board; coordinator, LCA Outdoor Ministries. Delegate to LCA Convention, 1980 and 1982. [Also see pp. 389-459, Volume 1.]

IDDINGS, JOHN WHITE, interim pastor at St. John's, 1982-83. Born December 29, 1904, in Rowan Co., NC. Parents: Charles Lafayette and Sallie L. Watson Iddings. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B., 1927; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1930; further graduate study at Yale University, Duke University, and UNC-Chapel Hill. Married Pauline Kuhn, Hickory, NC, June 18, 1931. Children: John White, Jr.; William Robert. Ordained by NC Synod, 1930. Other parishes served: Ebenezer, Rowan

Co., NC-Mt. Hermon, Cabarrus Co., NC, 1930-38; Christiana, Granite Quarry, NC, 1938-43; St. Mark's, Asheville, NC, 1943-49; First Lutheran, Albemarle, NC, 1949-65. Served as institutional chaplain, Durham, NC, area, 1965-79. Retired to Salisbury, NC, 1979. Received honorary D.D. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1958.

KINARD, MICHAEL MIDDLETON, pastor at St. John's, 1906-1920. Born February 19, 1856, in Prosperity, SC. Parents: David Belton and Mary Anne Long Kinard. Education: Newberry College, A.B. 1885; Southern Seminary, 1887; USC, M.A. Married Joanna Dorothea Seeba, Walhalla, SC, October 1887. Children: Albert Junius, Seeba David, Marie Eloise. Ordained by SC Synod, 1887. Other churches served: Ebenezer, Columbia, SC, 1887-1903; St. John's, Knoxville, TN, 1903-06; Augsburg, Winston-Salem, NC, 1920-24. SC Synod vice-president and president, 1894-97. Member, Boards of Trustees of Newberry College, 1890-96, and Southern Seminary, 1914-20. President, Holston Synod, 1903-05. President, NC Synod, 1911-15. President, United Synod South, 1918-20. Member, ULCA Board of Foreign Missions, 1918-22. Received honorary Ph.D. degree from Pennsylvania [Gettysburg] College, 1894, and honorary D.D. degree from Newberry College, 1912. Died 1924. Buried in Ebenezer Churchyard, Columbia, SC. [Also see pp. 194-221, Volume 1.]

KING, CHARLES BANKS, pastor at St. John's, 1886-96. Born October 19, 1858/9, in Giles Co., VA. Parents: Charles Banks and Elizabeth Martin King. Education: Roanoke College and Gettysburg Seminary. Married Annie Watts, Baltimore, MD, 1889. Children: Mary Elizabeth, Clara Ann, Gerard Watts, Charles Banks, George Watts. Licensed in 1885 and ordained in 1887 by NC Synod. Other churches served: (as supply) St. Mark's, Charlotte, NC, 1897-98, and St. Michael's, Troutman, NC, 1901. Founder and first president, Elizabeth College, Charlotte, NC, 1896-1914/5. NC Synod secretary, 1888-1896, 1900-03. Received honorary D.D. from Roanoke College. Died August 28, 1919. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Charlotte, NC. [Also see pp. 176-186, Volume 1.]

LINEBERGER, ROBERT BROWN, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1958-62. Born July 18, 1930, in Columbia, SC. Parents: the Reverend Fred L. and Mava Corley Lineberger. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1952; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1955. Married Catherine L. Steele, Gibsonville, NC, August 17, 1952. Children: Lela Catherine, Sara Elizabeth, Peter Robert. Ordained by NC Synod, 1955. Other churches served: Morning Star, Mecklenburg Co., NC, 1955-58. Transferred to VA Synod, 1962, to serve St. Paul's, Hampton, VA, 1962-77; Church of Our Saviour, Richmond, VA, 1977-to present [1983]. Secretary, *NC Lutheran* committee, 1959-60; member, NC Synod Church Institutions Committee, 1960-61; member, Synod Foreign Missions Committee, 1961-62; assistant editor, *NC Lutheran*, 1960-61; secretary, Salisbury-Rowan Ministerial Fellowship, 1961; secretary, [VA] Peninsula Clergy Association,

1964-65; first president, Peninsula Lutheran Ministers' Association, 1966; Tidewater District reporter, *VA Lutheran*, 1967-68; secretary, Tidewater District, 1968-70; synodical representative, Congregational Consultations, 1974-1981; first synodical dean, Richmond Area, 1979-81; chairman, Richmond Lutheran Clergy Group, 1980-81; member, VA Synod Executive Board, 1981-to present [1983].

LONG, ERNEST EDWARD, pastor in team ministry at St. John's, 1973-81. Born May 28, 1932, in Catawba Co., NC. Parents: Albert E. and Jeannette Wilson Long. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1959; Southern Seminary, M.Div. 1962. Married Jewel Deal, Newton, NC, November 28, 1951. Children: Gary Shannon, Derek Keith. Ordained by NC Synod, 1962. Other parishes served: Mt. Moriah, Rowan Co., NC, 1962-65; LCA mission in Liberia, Africa, under auspices of LCA Board of World Missions, 1965-71; Nativity, Arden, NC, 1971-73; St. John's, Hollywood, FL, 1981-to present [1983]. Chairman, NC Synod Central District, 1976. Member, NC Synod Evangelism and World Missions Boards; member, board of directors, NC Lutheran Homes. Received Brotherhood Award from Salisbury, NC, Chapter of National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1977. Received honorary D.D. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1979. [Also see pp. 377-434, Volume 1.]

LONGAKER, FRANK CARROLL, permanent supply pastor at St. John's, 1920. Born December 10, 1872, in Limerick, PA. Parents: Abraham Haldeman and Susanna Carroll Longaker. Education: Muhlenberg College, A.B. 1894, A.M. 1897; Hamma Divinity School, 1897; University of Pittsburgh, 1911-13; University of Pennsylvania, 1923; Ph.D., 1929. Married Ellen Espenship, May 11, 1897. Ordained by Wittenberg Synod, 1897. Served churches in KY, MI, PA, and OH, 1897-1915. Professor of Greek, history, and economics at Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1915-25. Also supplied St. Martin's, Iredell Co., NC, 1917, and Augsburg, Winston-Salem, NC, 1924. Professor of religion and philosophy at Roanoke College, 1925-. Author of a number of religious works. Died April 24, 1948, in Graterford, PA. Buried at Litchfield, IL.

MILLER, HOLLIS ALLEN, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1969-73. Born December 29, 1942, in Davidson Co., NC. Parents: the Reverend Glenn Allen and Virginia Ruth Hollis Miller. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1965; Southern Seminary, M.Div. 1969. Married Susan Gribble, Kannapolis, NC, August 8, 1965. Children: Jeffrey Allen, Jonathan Andrew. Ordained by NC Synod, 1969. Other churches served: as developer-pastor, St. Peter's, Southport, NC, 1973-76; as pastor, Grace, Rock Hill, SC, and as chaplain to Lutheran students, Winthrop College, 1976-81; Zion, Lexington, SC, 1981-to present [1983]. Member, NC Synod Task Force on Justice and Social Change; member, NC Synod Parish Education and American Missions Committees. Member, Board of Trustees, Southern Seminary. Chairman, SC Synod Management

Board for Conference and Retreat Centers; member, SC Synod Evangelism and Stewardship Committee; chairman, SC Synod Professional Leadership and Service Committee. Member, Board of Directors, Lenoir-Rhyne Alumni Association. Contributing writer for *Emphasis: A Journal for the Minister*, now called *Emphasis: A Preaching Journal for the Parish Pastor*.

MISENHEIMER, ERNEST LUTHER, JR., assistant pastor at St. John's, 1940-43. Born March 10, 1915, at Richfield, Stanly Co., NC. Parents: Ernest Luther and Ora Whitley Misenheimer. [Great grandson of the Rev. Whitson Kimball (1828-1898), parish pastor and former president of NC Synod.] Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1937; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1940. Married Margaret Lentz, Salisbury, NC, July 11, 1941. Children: Ernest Luther III, David Lentz, John Charles, James Stephen (latter three sons all ministers). Ordained by NC Synod, 1940. Other parishes served: St. James-Emmanuel, Rockwell, NC, 1943-1949; St. Mark's, Mooresville, NC, 1949-51; Center Grove, Kannapolis, NC, 1951-55; assistant to president, NC Synod, ULCA, 1955-62; administrative assistant to president, NC Synod, LCA, 1962-78; president, NC Synod, LCA, 1978-80; bishop, NC Synod, 1980-82. Received honorary D.D. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1958. Author of Stewardship Leaflet, "Christ Gives Us the Green Light"; Chairman of Planning Committee for seven Carolinas' Evangelism Conferences, 1966-78; delegate to 1948, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1972, 1974, 1978, 1980 Conventions of ULCA/LCA. Retired 1982. Upon leaving St. John's in 1943, the Young People wrote in the February 14 issue of *The League Speaks*, "... someday we expect to see him one of the really big men in our Lutheran Church," and "he was the founder of *The League Speaks* and has given it his special attention since its beginning."

NAU, WALTER THEODORE, supply pastor at St. John's, 1938-39, between pastorates of Stirewalt and Brown. Born March 5, 1908, in Crishnagiri, India. Parents: the Reverend Henry and Helen Hempfing Nau, missionaries. Education: Concordia College, A.B. 1927; Concordia Seminary, B.D. 1930; Guilford College, A.B. 1933; Duke University, M.A. 1942, Ph.D. 1949. Married Elizabeth Ann Esch, East St. Louis, IL, August 22, 1932. Children: Lanay Marie, William Henry, James Michael. Ordained by Central IL District Missouri Synod, 1930. Other churches served: Bethany, Waynesboro, VA; St. John's, Effingham, IL, 1928-32; St. Mark's, China Grove, NC, 1938-44. Also supplied First, Lexington, NC, 1944-46; St. Matthew's, Kings Mountain, NC, 1951, as well as other churches. Professor of French and German and head of Department of Foreign Languages, Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1945-74; retired as professor emeritus.

NEIFFER, JACOB GRABENSTEIN, pastor at St. John's, 1870-75. Born January 23, 1840, in Frederick Township, Montgomery Co., PA.

Parents: Christian and Cathrine Barbara Grabenstein Neiffer. Education: Gettysburg College; Franklin and Marshall College, A.B. 1865, A.M. 1871; Philadelphia Seminary, 1868. Never married. Ordained by Ministerium of PA, 1868. Other churches served: Richmond, VA, 1868-1870; Beth Eden, Newton, NC, 1873-75. Transferred to OH Synod, 1875, and served churches at Lima, Dayton, and Toledo, OH. Received honorary D.D. degree from Wittenberg University, 1903. Secretary, NC Synod, 1871-72; president, OH Synod, 1902-05. Died July 29, 1924. Buried at Toledo, OH. [Also see pp. 160-167, Volume 1.]

NELSON, DAVID PAUL, counseling pastor at St. John's, 1979-82. Born February 17, 1935, in Pittsburgh, PA. Parents: the Reverend John Emil and Lillie Dorothy Engdahl Nelson. Education: Upsala College, A.B. 1957; Philadelphia Seminary, B.D. 1960; post-graduate work in pastoral care and counseling from Naval Chaplains School, East Carolina College, Southern Seminary, Atlanta Regional Hospital, NC Baptist Hospital. Married Mary Anne Petrea, Salisbury, NC, June 29, 1963. Children: Vaughn Paul, Ken-Eric. Ordained by NY and New England Synod, 1960. Other parishes served: St. Timothy, Havelock, NC, Shepherd of the Sea, Atlantic Beach, NC, 1960-64; Bethany, Kannapolis, NC, 1964-67; Resurrection, Augusta, GA, 1967-71; St. Timothy's, Forest Park, GA, 1971-73; St. James', Rockwell, NC, 1974-79. Became chaplain of NC Lutheran Homes, 1983.

NUSSMANN, ADOLPH, pastor at St. John's, 1773-74. Born in 1739 at Muenster, Westphalia, Germany, and baptized July 12, 1739, in Leibfrauen Catholic Church in Muenster. Parents: Joan [sic] and Joanna Marie Hilleke Nussman. Became a member of the Franciscan Order and a Roman Catholic priest in Goldenstedt (Kirchspiel Colnrade). Converted to Protestant faith in 1772 and began studies of Lutheran theology at the University of Goettingen, April 30, 1772. Came to Rowan Co., NC, in 1773, with Johann Gottfried Arends, responding to the call of a group of sixty families in the Second Creek congregation, who had asked for a pastor [Nussman] and a teacher [Arends] from Germany. Married (1) Elizabeth Rintelmann, Rowan Co., NC, August 8, 1774. Children: Paul, Margaret, Elizabeth. Married (2) Barbara Layrle. Children: John, Daniel, Catherine, and Barbara. Ministered to spiritual needs of NC Lutheran communities from the Catawba to the Haw rivers. Based at Second Creek, Rowan Co., serving all area churches, 1773-74; based at St. John's, Cabarrus Co., providing supervision and guidance to some twenty Lutheran congregations in NC, 1774-94. Died November 3, 1794. Buried at St. John's, Cabarrus Co., NC. [Also see pp. 58-81, Volume 1.]

RECK, JOHN BENJAMIN, pastor at St. John's, 1825-30. Born in 1803 near Taneytown, MD. Parents: Christian, Jr., and Regina Reck. Education: preparation in theological studies under guidance of the Reverend Abraham Reck, his brother, at Winchester, VA, and the

Reverend Samuel Simon Schmucker at New Market, VA. Attended Gettysburg College in 1834. Married Susan Burger, Adams Co., PA, October 25, 1832. Children: Five (names not known). Ordained by NC Synod in 1826. Other NC churches served: St. Michael's, Troutman; Union, Rowan Co., 1826-31. Transferred to MD in 1831. Later went as missionary to OH (and adjacent states) where he organized a sufficient number of churches to constitute four pastoral districts in the English Synod of OH. NC Synod secretary, 1828-30; secretary, Board of Directors of Wittenberg College, which he helped to found and befriended. Died October 9, 1845. Buried in the old cemetery of Canal Dover [now Dover], OH. [Also see pp. 104-109, Volume 1.]

RHOADS, HAROLD EMMETT, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1951-1955. Born November 25, 1908, at Middletown, OH. Parents: Jesse Harley and Lillie Mae Geering Rhoads. Veteran of World War II. Education: Wittenberg College, B.A. 1950, doubling in theology at Hamma Divinity School for two years; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1951. Never married. Ordained by NC Synod, 1951. Other churches served: Chaplain, VA Hospital, Salisbury, NC, 1955; chaplain, Veterans Administration Hospital, Downey, IL, 1955-57. Retired because of serious illness, 1957. Part-time mission developer, supply pastor, Holy Trinity, Reidsville, NC, 1958; mission developer, supply pastor, Gloria Dei, Salisbury, NC, 1960-1961; vice-pastor, Messiah, Salisbury, NC, and Lebanon, Davidson Co., NC, 1963; interim pastor, Wittenburg, Granite Quarry, NC, 1966-67; vice-pastor, Haven, Salisbury, NC, 1967; vice-pastor, Christiana, Salisbury, NC, 1969; vice-pastor, Shepherd of the Sea, Atlantic Beach, NC, 1981. From time of early retirement as health permitted, also served as supply pastor at various churches throughout the synod until declining health prevented further service.

ROSENMILLER, DAVID P., pastor at St. John's, 1831-32. Born June 22, 1809, at York, PA. Parents: Louis and Rebecca P. Rosenmiller. Education: Gettysburg College; Gettysburg Seminary, 1829. Married Mary Eliza Sheffer. No record of children. Licensed in 1830 and ordained in 1831 by NC Synod. Other NC parishes served: Becks-Pilgrim-St. Luke's, Davidson Co., 1830-31; Nazareth-Shiloh, Forsyth Co., 1830-32. Transferred to PA Synod, 1832. Served churches in PA, 1832-80, except for one parish in OH, 1840-49. Died September 26, 1880. Buried at Lancaster, PA.

ROTHROCK, SAMUEL, pastor at St. John's, 1833-35, 1836-39; supply pastor and sustaining force in the Salisbury congregation during nearly sixty years of pastoral service in NC. Born November 26, 1909, in Rowan (now Davidson) Co., NC. Parents: Jacob and Esther Ziegler Rothrock. Education: Lutheran Gymnasium (Gettysburg College) and Gettysburg Seminary, 1829-33. Married (1) Miss Mary Hoke, Adams Co., PA. Child: a son who died at birth along with his mother, 1836. Married (2) Amelia

Arey, Rowan Co., NC on September 13, 1837. Children: Lewis Hazelius, Charlotte Lucetta Jane, Milas Luther. Licensed in 1833 and ordained in 1834 by NC Synod. Other churches served: Union, Rowan Co., NC, 1833-35; Franklin Co. and Fulton Co., PA, 16 mos., 1835-36. Returned to NC to serve many churches (two or three times in several churches). Served these Rowan Co. churches: Union, 6 yrs.; St. Paul's, 7 yrs.; Luther's, 5 yrs.; St. Matthew's-Bethel, 1 or 2 yrs.; Salem-St. Luke's, Bear Poplar (which he organized), 6 yrs.; St. Peter's, 14 yrs.; Ebenezer, 6 yrs.; and Organ, three times, nearly 33 yrs. in all, 1844-86. Also served in other counties: St. Stephen, Cabarrus Co., 14 yrs.; New Bethel, Stanly Co., 1 or 2 yrs. Supplied Friedens, Guilford, Co.-St. Paul's, Alamance Co., 1 or 2 yrs. NC Synod treasurer, five one-year terms; NC Synod secretary, five one-year terms; NC Synod president, ten one-year terms, 1834-1880. Member Board of Trustees, Western Carolina Male Academy and its successor, NC College; Member, Board of Directors, Gettysburg Seminary. Twice president or Southern General Lutheran Synod. Received honorary D.D. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, 1888. Died November 2, 1894. Buried at Union Church cemetery, Rowan Co., NC. [Also see pp. 111-185, Volume 1.]

SCHECK, JOHN D., pastor at St. John's, 1840-44. Born September 23, 1802, in Hagerstown, MD. No information as to parents, education, marriage, or children. Licensed in 1827 by SC Synod as first regularly called home missionary. Ordained by SC Synod in 1830. SC churches served: Mt. Calvary, Johnston; St. Mark's, Lexington Co., organized c. 1828; Sandy Run, Swansea, 1830; Mt. Pleasant, Ehrhardt, 1831-35, St. Nicholas, Fairfax, 1836-39. Transferred to NC Synod in 1841. Other NC parishes served: St. Matthew's, Rowan Co., 1841-43; St. John's, Cabarrus Co., 1844-57; Lutheran Chapel, China Grove; New Bethel, Stanly Co., 1850-57; Friedens, Guilford Co.-St. Paul's, Alamance Co., 1859-64. NC Synod secretary, 1841; NC Synod president, 1842, 1845, 1861. Transferred to E. PA Synod in 1865. Died December 17, 1868. Buried in Old Lutheran (St. John's) Cemetery, Salisbury, NC. [Also see pp. 123-129, Volume 1.]

SCHERER, SIMEON, pastor at St. John's, 1869-70, in "joint service" William H. Cone. Born October 29, 1819, in Guilford Co., NC. Parents: the Reverend Jacob and Elizabeth Scherer. Education: Classical and Theological Institute, Lexington, SC, 1841-42; Polytechnic Institute, New Market, VA, 1843- ; Gettysburg Seminary, 1846- . Married (1) Mary Ann Davis, Salisbury, NC, on July 24, 1851. Child: Sarah E. V. Married (2) Sarah Ann Jemimah Roseman, Catawba Co., NC, on February 6, 1855. Children: Four sons, one of whom—Melancthon Gideon Groseclose—became a minister. Married (3) Harriet Isabel Brown James, Rowan Co., NC, on April 3, 1867. Children: Two sons, one of whom—James A. B.—became a minister. Licensed in 1848 and ordained in 1850

by S. W. VA Synod. Served parishes in Giles Co., VA, 1848-51. Transferred to NC Synod in 1852. Other parishes served in Rowan Co., NC: Union, 1851-52, 1869-72; Bethel, 1862-72; Salem, 1863-68; St. Peter's, 1868-70; Organ, 1869-70; organized Christiana and Christ (known then as Smith's Schoolhouse, East Spencer), 1870-1875. Other NC parishes served: Friedens-Cobles-Lows, Guilford Co., 1855-58; St. Paul's, Alamance Co., 1855-58, 1873-76. NC Synod secretary, 1856; NC Synod president, 1860. Died July 11, 1876. Buried at Friedens Church Cemetery, Gibsonville, NC.

SCHOBER, GOTTLIEB, spiritual benefactor of St. John's, 1822. Born Nov. 1, 1756, in Bethlehem, PA. Parents: Andreas and Hedwig Regina Schubert Schober. Education: Nazareth Hall, an educational institution of the Moravian Church in PA where he learned a skill and received religious education. At age 13 went to NC to live and work in the Moravian settlements of Bethabara and Salem. Received pastoral training from Rev. C. A. G. Storch and was ordained as a Lutheran pastor at age 53 years by Storch, Philip Henkel, and Robert J. Miller, Oct. 21, 1810. Churches served: Nazareth-Shiloh, also Hopewell, Forsyth Co., 1810-1830; in Davidson Co.: Becks and New Jerusalem, 1815-1831, and supplied St. Luke and Pilgrim, 1816. Married Maria Magdalene Transou, Dec. 17, 1782. Children: Nathaniel, Johanna Sophia, Emmanuel, Anna Paulina, Hedwig Elizabeth, Benjamin (born and died same day), and Maria Theresa. Secretary, NC Synod, 1810-1820; treasurer, NC Synod, 1812-1831; president, NC Synod, 1821-1831; president, General Synod, 1 term. Died June 19, 1838. Buried in Moravian God's Acre in Salem, NC.

SMITH, WILLIAM JACOB, pastor at St. John's, 1878-83. Born March 31, 1845, in Boonsboro, MD. No information on parents. Education: Roanoke College, A.B. 1875; Southern Seminary, 1878. Married Alice Kizer, Rowan Co., NC, c. 1880. Children: Three or four daughters; two sons—Frisby D. and Edwin B.—who became ministers. Ordained by NC Synod in 1878. Other Rowan Co. church served: Christ, East Spencer, 1881-82. Served churches in VA and PA, 1883-1911. NC Synod secretary, 1881-83; S. W. VA Synod president, 1899. Died in 1911. Buried at Bloom, VA. [Also see pp. 169-173, Volume 1.]

STEPHENSON, JAMES RAY, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1955-1958. Born November 24, 1928, in Roanoke Co., VA. Parents: Robert L. and Pauline Burton Stephenson. Education: Roanoke College, B.A. 1952; Southern Seminary, M.Div. 1955. Married Loretta Darr on June 3, 1955, in Columbia, SC. Children: Deborah Gwyn, James Gregory, Mary Elizabeth. Ordained by VA Synod in 1955. Transferred to NC Synod. Other churches served: St. Mark's, Clarksburg, WV, 1958-62; LCA Commission on Evangelism Field Work, Decatur, GA, 1962-67; St. Peter's, Miami, FL, 1967-75; Holy Trinity, Hickory, NC, 1975-present [1983]. President, Harrison Co. Ministerial Assoc., WV [n.d.]; chaplain,

VA Hospital, Clarksburg, WV [n.d.]; dean, District of Western PA-WVA Synod, 1962-63; member, Board of Old Peoples Home, Zelienople, PA. 1962-63; delegate, LCA Convention [n.d.]; member, FL Synod Executive Board [n.d.]; president, Christian Community Service Agency, Miami, FL [n.d.]; member, Lutheran Council Board, Dade Co., FL [n.d.]; dean, Greater Miami District, FL [n.d.]; member, Fairhavens Lutheran Retirement Center Board, Miami, FL [n.d.]; member, Trustees, Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1976-83; pastor-evangelist, LCA Evangelical Outreach, 1976-present [1983]; member, LCA Consulting Committee on Changing Role of Men and Women in Church and Society, 1976-78; pastor/director, LCA Evangelical Outreach, 1981-82; chairman, LCA Consulting Committee on Higher Education, 1981-present [1983]; member, board of directors, Academy of Preachers, Philadelphia, PA, 1982-present [1983]; pastor-evangelist-LCA-consultant, 1983.

STIREWALT, MARTIN LUTHER, pastor at St. John's, 1930-38. Born July 24, 1882, in New Market, VA. Parents: the Reverend Jerome Paul and Tirzah Amelia Coffman Stirewalt. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1902; Chicago Seminary, B.D. 1906; graduate study, University of Chicago, University of VA, Northwestern University, A.M. 1928. Married Caroline Dentzer, Chicago, IL, on December 24, 1907. Children: Sister Catherine Amelia; Ruth Elizabeth; the Reverend Martin Luther, Jr.; Mary Caroline. Ordained by Chicago Synod, 1907. Other churches served: St. Paul's, Frankfort, IN, 1915-16; St. James', Concord, NC, 1916-22. Institutions served: Instructor, Weidner Institute, Mulberry, IN, 1906-09; professor of Bible and ancient languages, Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1909-15; professor of practical theology, Chicago Seminary, 1922-30; dean and professor of systematic theology, religious education and ethics at Southern Seminary, 1938-51; retired in 1951 to live in Hickory, NC; associate professor of Bible and philosophy, Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1955-59. Received honorary D.D. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1921. Member, Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees, 1921-1922, 1932-60, and chairman, 1935-51; NC Synod vice-president, 1917-1922; member and secretary of joint commission on Merger of NC and TN Synods, 1919-1921; NC Synod delegate to first convention of ULCA, 1918, as well as subsequent conventions. Member, ULCA Board of Education, 1930-40; member, ULCA Common Service Book Committee, from 1918 on. Author of *The Curricula of Lutheran Theological Seminaries in the United States*. Contributed sermons to *Gospel Preaching for the Day* and articles in a number of Lutheran periodicals. Died March 10, 1960, in Hickory, NC. Buried at Emmanuel Church Cemetery, New Market, VA. [Also see pp. 237-245, Volume 1.]

STORCH, CARL AUGUST GOTTLIEB, pastor at St. John's, 1788-1805. Born June 16, 1764, at Helmstedt, Germany. Parents: Georg Frederick Storch and (first name not known) Von Asseburg Storch.

Education: Gymnasium and University of Helmstedt, 1782-85. Next pioneer pastor after Nussmann and Arends to come from Germany to NC. After ordination in Germany, arrived in NC, 1788. Married Christine Beard (Bahrt), Salisbury, NC, January 14, 1790. Children: eleven, two of whom—Anna and Theophilus—survived infancy, the latter to become a scholar and minister, serving as first president of Newberry College. Other churches served in Rowan Co., NC: Organ, 1788-1823; Union, 1788-1810; Lutheran Chapel, 1789-1820. Other churches served in NC: St. John's, Cabarrus Co., 1796-97, 1800-21; New Bethel, Stanly Co., 1806-14, 1819-23; Cold Water, Cabarrus Co., 1810-(?). Was one of the four pastors helping to organize NC Synod, 1803. Became NC Synod's third president, 1806-12, and served twice later, a total of fourteen years. Died March 29, 1831. Buried at Organ Church Cemetery, Rowan Co. [Also see pp. 70-97, Volume 1.]

STOUDENMIRE, WILLIAM, pastor at St. John's, 1884-86. No information as to birth-death dates, parents, marriage, or children. Listed in SC church history as "a son of Trinity Church, Elloree, SC." Education: Southern Seminary, c. 1878-80. Licensed in 1878 and ordained in 1880 by Southwest VA Synod. Other churches served (as supply pastor): St. Paul's, Newport, VA, 1876; Mt. Lebanon and St. Matthew's, Calhoun Co., SC., 1878-1879, as a seminarian. Transferred to MD Synod, 1880. Transferred to NC Synod, 1884. Transferred to E. OH Synod, 1886. [Also see pp. 173-176 in Volume 1.]

SWING, STAFFORD LEROY, assistant pastor at St. John's, 1946-1947. Born April 3, 1922, in Davidson Co., NC. Parents: William Henry and Florence Beck Swing. Education: UNC-Chapel Hill, 2 yrs.; Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1944; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1946. Married Dorothy Elaine Ketner, Salisbury, NC, on November 25, 1947. Children: Paul Ray, Donald Leigh, Debra Allene, Janet Virginia. Ordained by NC Synod, 1946. Other churches served: Redeemer, Kannapolis, NC, 1947-50; St. Michael's, Lexington Co., SC, (and as Parish Education Youth Worker for SC Synod), 1950-53; Mt. Olive, Hickory, NC, 1953-1959; Luther Memorial (as assistant pastor), Madison, WI, 1959-63; Peace, San Antonio, TX, 1963-67; Reformation, Columbia, SC, 1967-80. Assistant editor, 1955, and editor, 1956-59, *NC Lutheran*. Wrote for other publications as well. Died August 28, 1980, in Columbia, SC. Buried in City Memorial Park, Salisbury, NC.

TABLER, JOHN T., supply pastor at St. John's, 1832-33. Born at Traptown, MD. No information as to birth-death dates or his parents. Education: Studied theology at Gettysburg Seminary. Married Matilda Brown, April 18, 1835. Licensed by NC Synod in 1832. Other NC churches served: Pilgrim-St. Luke's, Davidson Co., 1831-33; St. Michael's, Troutman, 1832. Transferred to VA Synod and ordained there in 1833.

TERRY, ROGER HAROLD, JR., assistant pastor at St. John's, 1948-1950. Born February 3, 1925, in East Spencer, NC. Parents: Roger Harold and Marie Kneeburg Terry. Education: Lenoir-Rhyne College, A.B. 1945; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1948; Union Seminary, S.T.M. 1955. Married (1) Martha Jean Frye, Hickory, NC, on June 30, 1948. Children: Barbara Marie, Ruth Elizabeth, Julia Kneeburg, Glenn Roger. Married (2) Kathryn Wagoner Koontz, Salisbury, NC, on November 22, 1973. Other churches served: Emanuel, Ridgefield Park, NJ, 1950-53; St. Mark's, China Grove, NC, 1953-59; Peace, Gibsonville, NC, 1977-83; Macedonia (as associate pastor), Burlington, NC, 1983. Worship and Music Editor to ULCA Board of Parish Education, 1959-62; to LCA Board of Parish Education, 1962-72; and to LCA Division of Parish Services, 1973-77. Received honorary D.S.M. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1973. Chairman, NC Synod Committee on Young People's Work, 1949-50; director, Lutheridge School of Church Music, 1956-57; secretary, Lowman Home Board of Trustees, 1956-59; chairman, NC Synod Committee on Church Music, 1957-59. Member, ULCA Department of Worship Consulting Committee, 1958-62; LCA staff representative to the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship that developed the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978) in which one of his compositions (Hymn 557) is published. Editor of several church school hymnals; contributor to *Resource*, *Journal of Church Music*, *International Journal of Religious Education* and other publications. Author of "Lutheran Hymnody in North America" in *Hymnal Companion to Lutheran Book of Worship*.

WILSON, JAMES HERBERT, pastor of St. John's, 1902-06. Born April 16, 1854, in Williamston, SC. Parents: Delaney and Hannah Barrett Wilson. Education: Newberry College, A.B. 1877; Southern Seminary, 1880. Married Mary Elizabeth Dunlop, Salem, VA, in August 1879. Children: Lawrence Livingston, Mary Salome, Hannah Barrett, Roberta Pauline, Robert Dunlop. Ordained by SC Synod in 1880. Other churches served: In SC, 1880-1902; Ascension, Savannah, GA, 1907-10; Orangeburg and Sumter, SC, 1911-19. Received honorary degrees from Newberry College: A.M. 1880, D.D. 1905. SC Synod president, 1889-91. Member, Newberry College Board of Trustees for many years; member and president of Southern Seminary Board of Trustees; financial agent, Children's Home, Salem, VA, 1907-08, and Marion College. Died July 17, 1919. Buried at Mt. Pleasant Church cemetery, near Ehrhardt, SC.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

CHAPTER NINE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Nelle Hays Troxler

In the Lutheran Church "good works" is not a requirement for salvation but is a response to the redeeming grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The many, many people of St. John's Congregation who serve their fellow members and the community-in-general carry this concept with them.

In preparing a chapter on the involvement and activity of St. John's members in the community, one must review the number of organizations in which citizens could participate and provide community service. Well over two hundred such groups or clubs have existed in Salisbury and Rowan County in recent years. To identify all of the St. John's members active in all these groups would be impossible. Thus, it has been necessary to limit this record to the following services in specific groups or organizations:

1. Boards of directors
2. Past or present presidents
3. Trustees
4. Charter members or organizers
5. Special individuals who played an integral part, or did an outstanding service in a particular area.

Even so, this chapter does not contain a complete record. The information has come from members responding to questions about such activities, from those who answered the request for information in the "Brief Leaf," from school records, and from articles appearing in *The Salisbury Post*.

Lenoir-Rhyne College

Lenoir-Rhyne College, a Lutheran institution located in Hickory, North Carolina, has been assisted in countless ways by the members of St. John's. It is, however, appropriate that a number of the members be given special emphasis for the outstanding service and benevolence they have rendered to Lenoir-Rhyne: Thomas W. and Margaret Rudisill Borland, donors of the Rudisill Library, along with other members of the Rudisill family; Thomas W. Borland, who served on the Growth and Development Board of the College; John Robert and Hesta Kitchin Crawford, Jr., donors of the Lineberger Administration Building, along

with the Lineberger family of Belmont; Glenn E. and Addie Glover Ketner, Sr., donors of the Glenn and Addie Ketner scholarships; Glenn E. Ketner, Sr., member of the Board of Trustees, recipient of an honorary degree from the College, and chairman of the Lenoir-Rhyne Capital Funds Campaign; Glenn E. Ketner, Jr. served on the Lenoir-Rhyne Development Board; Sonja Olsen Kinard, president of the Lenoir-Rhyne Alumni Association; Thomas W. and Sarah Lowry Kern, donors of the President's Scholarships, benefactors in general ways other than scholarships, generous friends of the College for whom Lenoir-Rhyne has dedicated the "Centrum" in the Theatre Building in their honor; Dr. Marcus C. Smith and Dr. George R. Whittecar, both members of the Board of Directors of the College.

Lenoir-Rhyne College has conferred honorary doctorate degrees on former pastors and members of St. John's: Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, D.D., 1921; Rev. J. L. Morgan, D.D., 1921, LL.D., 1945; Rev. Voigt R. Cromer, D.D., 1947; Rev. Frank K. Eford, D.D., 1957; Rev. J. White Iddings, D.D., 1958; Rev. Ernest L. Misenheimer, D.D., 1959; Rev. George R. Whittecar, D.D., 1963; Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, D.D., 1971; Rev. E. Edward Long, D.D., 1979; and Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, Jr., D.D., 1980. Lenoir-Rhyne also bestowed the honorary doctorate degree upon Glenn E. Ketner, Sr., D.C.S. [Doctor of Commercial Science], 1964; and upon Charles Sidney Heilig, D.Sc., 1967. Robert Quincy Beard received a Distinguished Service Citation, 1976.

Recognition is due the alumni of Lenoir-Rhyne College as well as other members of the congregation, who have supported the college in financial drives and activities of the college.

Catawba College

Throughout the years since Catawba College was moved to Salisbury in 1925 from Newton, North Carolina, wide support from the community and from members of St. John's has been evident. Catawba graduates, many from St. John's congregation, have enhanced the environment of this locality. The following St. John's members have made outstanding contributions with both financial gifts and personal service to the college: Clifford A. Peeler, benefactor, active member of the Board of Trustees for twenty-two years, [recipient of the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the College], chairman of a number of committees for the Board of Trustees; Thomas W. Kern, benefactor, member of the Board of Trustees, donor of the President's Scholarships (along with his wife Sarah Lowry), [recipient of the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the College]; Glenn E. Ketner, Jr., member of the Board of Trustees, chairman of Planned Giving and Advisory Board, co-chairman of Catawba College and Community Fund Campaign; E. L. Allen, Jr., member of the Board of Trustees, former president of the Alumni Foundation, chairman of Finance Committee of the Board of

Trustees and in 1980, the recipient of the C. B. Michael Award for Outstanding Alumni; and Arnold H. Snider, Jr., member of the Board of Trustees.

Livingstone College

Livingstone College is located in the very center of Salisbury and was erected after the Civil War for Negro students. Throughout the years it has been an important educative force in the community producing responsible leaders in business, education, religion, and matters of civic concern. A number of St. John's members have contributed to the annual support of the college. According to common knowledge, when a building on campus was destroyed by fire in recent years, Dan M. Nicholas and William F. Snider of St. John's started a drive to restore the building. Financially the drive was a success and the building at Livingstone was restored.

Pfeiffer College

William C. Bost, a nephew of James L. Fisher, told a fascinating story of the location of Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer. It seems that Mr. Fisher had heard a rumor that a very wealthy family in the north was interested in a college in this area. Mr. Fisher contacted them, invited them to come to Salisbury and together they went to Misenheimer and there they found the college location. Pfeiffer has grown from a very small institution to become a fine four-year college. Many people from St. John's have financially assisted with the affairs of the college, and many of its student body are Lutherans and Salisburians. Thus through the early aid given by St. John's member James L. Fisher, Pfeiffer College is a reminder of Fisher's great foresight, interest, and love for this community.

Rowan Technical College

A pressing need for a technical school existed in this area, and very wisely a group of businessmen set about making such a school become a reality. Various businesses, industrial plants, and textile mills in Rowan County (and environs) were continually in need of men and women appropriately trained for employment. Among members of St. John's in the organizational phase of an endeavor to supply this need were board members C. Odell Sapp and John H. Isenhour, Sr. In the year 1983, 13,000 Rowan County citizens were enrolled in classes there. Rowan Technical College is considered one of the finest institutions of its kind in the State.

Salisbury Business College

Organized for the individual who wished to be employed in office work, Salisbury Business College was under the leadership of Mrs. Sam Carter, now deceased, and one of her sons, Paul W. Carter, a member of St. John's. Mrs. Carter sold her business to Kenneth H. Dunlop, a member of St. John's. Later, after the death of his wife, Dunlop returned

to Pennsylvania, selling the school in 1953 to two additional members of St. John's, Leo and Nell Nash Sowers. The Sowers, who continued to operate the college until 1973, had been responsible for perpetuating its reputation as a very fine business college.

Salisbury City Schools

Public education in Salisbury has been outstanding. There is no way that all of the members of St. John's congregation could be identified as hundreds have worked in the Parent Teacher Association, and in various and sundry activities for which they have volunteered or been called upon to participate. As one goes about St. John's church work, it is very noticeable that in its midst have been outstanding teachers, faculty, and parents whose efforts were whole-heartedly given to make this an outstanding school system.

The following teachers from St. John's have been honored by being selected Teacher of the Year: Ruth Kesler Uzzell, Ronald W. Christman, and Larry W. Britt. This award is in recognition of the teacher in the classroom rendering service to the students and rendering service to the community.

At the present time, 1983, Dr. Marcus C. Smith is superintendent of the Salisbury City Schools, and his assistant has been Robert E. Carmichael, both members of this congregation.

Members of St. John's who have served on the Salisbury School Board are Clifford A. Peeler, past president; Pauline Peeler Tatum, Glenn E. Ketner, Jr., Frances Weddington Heilig, Christine Peeler Whitton, Thomas W. Borland, Dr. George F. Busby, William D. Kenerly, Robert T. Loeblein, E. L. Allen, Jr., and Barbara Morris Rufty. A former board member said that special recognition should be given to Frances Heilig for her untiring work in cataloguing all actions of the various school units—rules and regulations—into a single manual which would be the guideline for the entire system. Her work, he said, was an outstanding accomplishment and this manual is still in use in 1983.

Other St. John's members contributing to the success of the Salisbury schools have been Mickey W. Young for his work with the bands in all schools, Margy Dickey Fink for her outstanding management of the Food Services Department, Carol Baumgartner McCubbins for six years service on the Board of Directors of the PTA Council, E. L. Allen, Jr., for his membership on the Board of Directors of the Salisbury City Schools, Toni Cline Kenerly also a member of the Board of Directors, and Meeta Carlton Lampert who has been an outstanding PTA worker and represented the District on the State PTA Board.

Some of the young people in the church have had commendable records in school, in church, and in the community. Kay Goodman served as president of the student body in high school. Young men and women from St. John's have been leaders in the National Honor Society, service

clubs, scholarship achievements, athletic activities, and music programs. A Teenager-of-the-Year Award given to a high school senior each year was received by Kay Goodman, who also received the North Carolina State "Teen Ager of the Year" award, 1958; Karen E. Rawling, 1959; Sara Lou Thomas, 1960; M. Rudy Busby, 1962; G. Richard Whittecar, Jr., 1970; a shared award to Diane E. Porter and Barbara W. Shuping, 1974; and Timothy M. Smith, 1978.

Among the prestigious scholarships awarded to St. John's members have been the following: John Motley Morehead Scholarship, UNC-CH: William J. Busby (also was recipient of the first Morehead Medical Scholarship), Thomas R. Corriher, Franklin B. Sloop, Kenneth Lee Eagle, Jr., Timothy M. Smith, and G. Richard Whittecar, Jr.; Angier Biddle Duke Scholarship, Duke University: Steven M. Corriher and David H. Troxler; National Defense Fellowship for International Relations, Catawba College Scholarship, and Fullbright Fellowship: Karen E. Rawling; Medical Graduate Fellowship at Duke Hospital: Carol Annette Smith; Joseph McConnel Honorary Scholarship, Richardson Fellow, and National Grant for study at the National Institute of Health in Cancer Research: David H. Troxler; University of Virginia Scholarship in the School of Law: John R. Rawling; Ford Foundation Grant for graduate study in Art at UNC-CH: J. Luther Sowers; Kern Scholarship at Lenoir-Rhyne College: Charles W. Frick; Cannon Scholarship, N. C. State University: Max S. Busby; Addie and Glenn Ketner Scholarship, Lenoir-Rhyne College: Melanie R. Smith; Catherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship, Women's College of the Greater University: Dorothy V. Rendleman; and Medical Scholarship, Bowman Gray School of Medicine: Carol Jean Stoessel.

Southern Seminary

Members from St. John's have contributed to the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, through its annual fund drive. Special tribute should be given to D. J. Mahaley for the endowment fund which he established and from which much money is used for the Seminary, for students needing scholarships, and for other necessities.

Both Dr. George Whittecar and Dr. Glenn E. Ketner served on the Board of Directors of the Seminary. Mrs. George (Ruth Livers) Whittecar served two terms as president of the Auxiliary of the Southern Seminary.

Lutheridge

St. John's congregation has been generous in its benevolence to the Lutheran Synod property known as Lutheridge, located in Arden, North Carolina. This area offers a beautiful mountain retreat and camping facility for Lutheran congregations in North Carolina and other states. A number of St. John's members have constructed homes in that locality and each year enjoy the time spent there.

Some of St. John's participants in the Lutheridge experience have been Mrs. Ruth K. Uzzell, co-chairman of a summer program; C. Lynn Bailey, F. Arthur Honeychurch, and Karl W. Kinard, Jr., past and present directors of the music at St. John's, have each taken an active part in the Lutheridge musical program during the summer sessions; Mrs. Glenn (Addie Glover) Ketner was a member of the committee for the construction of the Women of the Church Building at Lutheridge, known in 1983 as Mission Hall; and St. John's congregation in 1978 contributed a lot to the Synod to be used as a beneficial addition to Synod acreage.

The North Carolina Lutheran Synod and the Church at Large

Many members of St. John's congregation have been of great assistance and service to the North Carolina Synod. Special recognition has gone to the following: Clifford A. Peeler, member of the National Board of American Missions and member of the National Board of Social Missions; Miss Eva Peeler, member of the National Board of Luther Leagues; Marcus C. Smith, treasurer of the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America for four and a half years, member of the Synod Education Board, member of the Synod Executive Board, delegate to the National Convention representing the North Carolina Synod; Dr. George R. Whittecar, president of the North Carolina Synod, member of the Board of Directors of American Missions, member of the National Board of Social Missions, secretary of the Lutheran Synods of Kansas and Adjacent States, Board of Trustees of Midland College, Board of Trustees of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Board of Trustees of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Lutheran Homes, Board of Trustees of Lutheran Children's Home of the South, Board of Trustees of Lutheridge; Glenn E. Ketner, Sr., delegate to the National LCA Convention representing the North Carolina Synod, Trustee of Home Mission Board of the North Carolina Synod; Mrs. Roy A. (Martha Withers) Agner, Jr., chairman of the Committee for Historical Work of the North Carolina Synod; Dr. Frank K. Efird (while pastor at St. John's) chaplain at a National Convention of the LCA.

Rowan Memorial Hospital

When Rowan Memorial Hospital was built at its present location in 1936, Salisbury and Rowan County had been in need of a "good and larger hospital" for a long time. This endeavor was supported by the doctor members of St. John's as well as individual members such as James L. Fisher and Stahle Linn. The following people from St. John's have been members of the Rowan Memorial Hospital Board of Directors: James L. Fisher, Thomas W. Borland, John H. Isenhour, Sr., and Arnold H. Snider, Jr. One of the benefactors of the hospital was Thomas

E. Linn, who upon his retirement and return to Salisbury, became very interested in the hospital and patient needs.

Mrs. Lewis M. (Elizabeth Hentze) Miller, a devoted member of St. John's, was the administrator of the hospital for more than twenty years. Through her devotion to her work and her interest in the community and its people, she gave unparalleled service to the success of the hospital.

In the section titled Rowan County Medical Society will be listed some of the efforts of the doctors in St. John's who have served the hospital in direct ways that benefit both the hospital in its administration and in programs that indirectly have impact on patient care.

Rowan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

In the same year that the hospital was being erected and located in its new facility, a group of women organized a Hospital Auxiliary, 1936. Mrs. Clifford (Lillian Caldwell) Peeler, Mrs. Walter L. (Pauline Peeler) Tatum and Mrs. Nellie Mahaley Boyd were charter members, and Mrs. Peeler was the first secretary of the group. This auxiliary still remains one of the finest and most outstanding organizations in the city, county, and state. In 1956, the auxiliary initiated and started the Hospitality Shop, later adding the vending lounge and the television rentals. All proceeds from these endeavors are turned over to the hospital for charitable projects such as equipment for the children's ward, retreat rooms, indigent care, prayer room, and the chapel. In 1983 at Christmas, a lighted "Tree of Hope," with each luminescent bulb representing a contribution in honor of or in memory of a special person, was decorated. Thus began an annual tradition. The funds raised went to the hospital for charity work.

A Board of Directors was organized in 1956-57 to better manage and operate the various functions of the auxiliary. The following women from St. John's are either present or past member of this Board: Mrs. Max (Margaret Jarvis) Busby, president; Mrs. George (Dorothy Rudy) Busby, Mrs. Meeta Carlton Lampert; Mrs. Charles (Joan Walton) Harris, Mrs. Gregory (Christine Hudson) Peeler; Mrs. Julius (Barbara Robison) Waggoner; Mrs. Malcolm (Alice Ruth) Parada; Mrs. Ann C. Thompson; Mrs. Lloyd (Nelle Hays) Troxler, Life Member and treasurer for twenty-two years; Mrs. Fred (Jewel Wolfe) Ziprik, president; Mrs. Thomas (Mimi Krider) Carlton; Mrs. Glenn (Addie Glover) Ketner, president; Mrs. James (Christine Peeler) Whitton, president; Mrs. Max (Hazel Sherrill) Henderlite, treasurer; Mrs. Robert (Ruth Bernhardt) Miller, Jr.; and Mrs. Robert (Ann Shoaf) Loeblein.

The Auxiliary is the "mother" of the Volunteen and Volunteer program so efficiently giving service at the hospital. Many women from St. John's are regular volunteers.

Rowan County Medical Society

In past years many doctors who have been members of St. John's have rendered special services to the hospital and to the community over and beyond their practice of medicine or surgery. Some of these include Dr. Roy A. Agner, Jr., secretary/treasurer of North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine, chief-of-staff at Rowan Memorial Hospital, president of the Rowan County Medical Society; Dr. Paul S. McCubbins, physician in charge of the Marsh Coronary Care Unit when it was organized and furnished, member of the Advisory Medical Board for the North Carolina Lutheran Home, delegate from Rowan Medical Society to the North Carolina Medical Society State Convention; Dr. Robert B. Tannehill, chief-of-staff of Rowan Memorial Hospital, secretary of Medical Staff, president of Rowan County Medical Society, member of Board of Directors of Rowan County Board of Health; Dr. John Robert Crawford III, member of Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, president of Advisory Board for State Commission for the Blind; Dr. George F. Busby, member of the Advisory Committee to the Medical Board and served as the first medical director of the Salisbury Lutheran Home, and president of North Carolina Surgical Society.

Rowan County Medical Auxiliary

The Rowan County Medical Auxiliary is an organization composed of spouses of members of the Rowan County Medical Society. There are twenty or more doctors from St. John's congregation and their spouses are active members of this group. The purpose of the auxiliary is to present an understanding of health care and education to all citizens. Many projects are carried out that are an aid to the entire community.

The following women from St. John's have served as presidents of this auxiliary: Mrs. Roy (Martha Withers) Agner, Jr., Mrs. George (Dorothy Rudy) Busby, Mrs. Thomas K. (Marion Krider) Carlton, Jr., Mrs. John R. (Anne Way) Crawford III, Mrs. Charles (Joyce Agner) Feezor, Mrs. John (Sara Heider) Frazier, and Mrs. Paul (Carol Baumgartner) McCubbins.

The Veterans Administration Hospital

Immediately after World War II it became evident that a Veterans hospital was going to be constructed in the piedmont section of North Carolina. A large group of influential citizens banded together to secure this hospital in Salisbury. Many hours and many contacts in Washington were involved, and it became a reality. Among the group who worked so diligently were many men from St. John's, including James L. Fisher, William F. Snider, and John H. Isenhour, Sr.

It would be impossible to name all of the people in St. John's who have given or are presently giving volunteer service to this hospital.

However, there are a select few who have given over and beyond the regular volunteer service. Mrs. Ida Albright was honored by the Veterans Administration and by the governor of North Carolina for having given 15,000 hours of volunteer service. Mrs. Katie Fisher Bost, a member of St. John's, was honored by the V. A. Hospital for giving 8,000 hours of volunteer service. Mrs. Earl (Katherine Fisher) Kluttz assisted as a pianist in the musical programs and in other activities at the hospital for many years. Mrs. James (Frances Weddington) Heilig was for many years a volunteer in many departments of the hospital. She worked in the recreational area with musical and dramatic productions, skits, performances, and other such activities. Mrs. Harry (Hope Ritchie) Uzzell has been a volunteer for thirty years in the medical center of the hospital. Rudy Busby was organist for the V. A. Hospital for five years until he began his college and medical school education.

The Lutheran Home of Salisbury

One of the finest homes for the elderly and ill person in this area is the Lutheran Home of Salisbury. This home was begun through the efforts of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Lutheran Homes. The organizational and advisory group who formulated the plans for the Salisbury Unit of the Lutheran Homes included the following from St. John's: Dr. George F. Busby, Mrs. Walter L. (Pauline Peeler) Tatum, Thomas W. Borland, Thomas W. Kern, Mrs. James (Marie Iddings) Blackwelder, John H. Isenhour, Sr., and John Robert Crawford, Jr. These individuals, along with Dr. George R. Whittecar, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod at the time and driving force back of the project, worked long and faithfully in carrying out all details necessary in getting this project under way. Tom Borland and Tom Kern were appointed to solicit donations and advance gifts from businesses, industries, corporations, and individuals. One of the first contributions came from the Synod's Michael Peeler Benevolence Fund, a fund established by the will of St. John's member Michael Peeler.

Among the Board of Directors have been Dr. George R. Whittecar, Mrs. L. G. (Katherine Cress) Goodman, Jr., the Rev. E. Edward Long, John H. Isenhour, Sr., Thomas W. Kern, Thomas W. Borland, and the Rev. K. Y. Huddle.

The doctors from St. John's who have served on the medical staff of the home are Dr. Charles N. Feezor, Dr. George F. Busby, Dr. Paul S. McCubbins, and Dr. John Robert Crawford III.

Along with members of other Lutheran churches in Salisbury and Rowan County, St. John's members have participated in daily visitations, birthday parties, devotions, musical entertainment, and other special projects. These activities have contributed to the program of the Lutheran Home's enrichment experiences for the patients. One cannot begin to list all of the people in St. John's, the various Sunday School

classes, the women and men's groups from the church ministering to the well-being of the patients and other residents.

Special recognition is given to Dr. George Busby, who built and presented to the Home the pipe organ that is used in the chapel, and to Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Crawford, Jr., who provided funds for the chapel and its furnishings.

Rowan County Unit, American Cancer Society

One of the most active and valuable organizations in Rowan County is that of the American Cancer Society. The services provided, the monies raised, and the events carried out by this group are unlimited. Education through programs, movies, and clinics are outstanding projects.

Only three women have ever been appointed executive secretary of the Rowan Chapter, and all three were members of St. John's: Mrs. Oliver (Nell Hartline) Rufty, Mrs. John Ellis (Julia Shirey) Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Francis (Brenda Masters) Goodman.

The Cancer Society has never failed to meet its quota and this year [1983] 145 percent of the goal was raised. The Cancer Society Golf Tournament, for the past ten years or more has been the most successful in the entire state, raising more money for the society than any other non-professional tournament. Much credit for this event is given to E. Eugene Auten, who opens his golf club to the society and manages the tournament for some 260 players.

The following members of St. John's are or have been members of the Board of Directors: Eugene Auten, Brenda M. Goodman, Charles H. Harris, Jr., Blenda Saleeby Harris, Hazel Sherrill Henderlite, J. Max Henderlite, Mary Ann Grissom Hoover, Dr. Malcolm P. Parada, A. Marlene Plyler, D. Paul Rendleman, Nell H. Rufty, Julia S. Smith, Nell Nash Sowers, Nelle Hays Troxler, and Jewel Wolfe Ziprik. Mrs. Smith, Mr. Harris, and Mrs. Troxler have been active members of the State Cancer Society Board of Directors. Miss Plyler was the executive treasurer of the local unit for a period of thirteen years. Ervin E. Lampert, Sr., Ervin E. Lampert, Jr., and Arnold H. Snider, Jr., have been faithful workers in the Advance Gifts Drives.

Rowan County Unit, American Heart Association

The Rowan County Unit of the American Heart Association is very active in the community. There are many people from the church who have been an integral part. Mrs. George (Margaret Harry) Kluttz and Mrs. John H. (Ann Crouch) Isenhour, Jr., have been outstanding workers in this effort. At the present time, 1983, Mrs. Kluttz is on the State Board of Directors and has been given much recognition by the State Board for her outstanding work. Mrs. Paul B. (Elinor Beckett) Reynolds and Mrs. William D. (Toni Cline) Kenerly are also on the Board of Directors of this group.

Under the leadership of several people, including several from St. John's, namely, Mrs. Hugh (Ann C. Isenhour) Thompson, Mrs. Walter Lewis (Frances Lynne Foil) Tatum, Mrs. Paul B. Reynolds and Mrs. Lloyd W. Troxler organized the "Annual Heart Ball," from which all net proceeds would go to the Heart Fund annual drive. Including the above, other members of St. John's who have been sponsors of this activity are Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. (Nancy Thompson) Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John H. Isenhour, Jr., Mrs. Judith Parker Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziprik, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin E. (Meeta Carlton) Lampert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John F. (Margaret Eason) Lipe II, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. (Susan Hibbert) Ketner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Kate Mills Suiter) Snider, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kluttz.

Hospice

Between 1980 and 1983 a new community organization, Hospice, was begun in Salisbury. The purpose of this group is to provide both moral and physical support to those individuals who are terminally ill with cancer. This service also gives support to the families of these patients, among whom are those who wish to leave the facilities they are in and return to their homes to be with their families. Love, understanding, support, and care are essential to patients and families, and that is what Hospice has to give.

The three people from St. John's on the organizational committee for Hospice were Mrs. C. Odell (Garnelle Raney) Sapp, Dr. Marcus C. Smith, and the Rev. David K. Huddle. Mrs. Sapp not only helped to organize the group but also put in hours of faithful work in fund drives, including the "mammoth yard sale" which brought thousands of dollars for expenditures to this organization.

Special recognition should be given to Mrs. Clarence B. (Carol Smith) Beaver III for her work with this endeavor. Carol is a nurse trained with emphasis in cancer care and treatment.

The Rowan Public Library

The local library serves the citizens of Salisbury and Rowan County. The separate "Edith Clark History Room," holds collections of historical and genealogical data which attracts visitors from many of the United States. St. John's members have supported the library with gifts and service. Those who served on the Board of Trustees between 1936 and 1983 were C. F. Raney, R. Lynn Bernhardt, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, J. L. Fisher, Mrs. Philip Sowers (chairman), Charles Harris, Jr., Mrs. Gerald R. (Inez Bankett) Allen; and Clifford Peeler, John Henry Isenhour, and Paul S. Smith, ex-officio members.

Friends of the Library, a sponsoring group for the Rowan Public Library, has been supported by Mrs. Evelyn Sowers, Mrs. Marie Blackwelder, Mrs. Frances Krider, and Charles Harris. Paul S. Smith

was the first recipient of the Friends of the Library "Friend of the Year" award.

The Rowan Museum

A group of Rowan and Salisbury citizens initiated a project several years ago to obtain the house, now known as the Maxwell Chambers house, as a local museum in order to preserve the building itself, the artifacts of Salisbury, and the artifacts of Rowan County. This venture was successful, and the Rowan Museum is judged today as one of the finest local museums in the state. It is furnished with furniture, clothing, and other artifacts and memorabilia of the period and in keeping with historical significance. Incidentally, a homespun dress made before the Civil War and an old German Bible have been loaned by St. John's member Bill Bost to the museum for their collection.

Mrs. Philip K. (Evelyn Roberts) Sowers, Miss Janice Raney, Paul Leake Bernhardt, Frank W. Stoessel, and L. G. Goodman, Jr., have been or are now members of the Board of Directors of the Museum. Frank Stoessel was treasurer for many years, and Janice Raney is treasurer in 1983.

As the house was repaired and the work was near completion, two women from St. John's were put in complete charge of the grounds, namely Mrs. Charles F. (Beulah Gardner) Raney and Evelyn Sowers. These two women helped plan the gardens and for many years were in charge of the care of them.

The museum has been a great historical project of the community. It has become financially sound through donations of the Museum members and through the sponsorship of an annual museum antique show in Salisbury which draws dealers from many sections of this and surrounding states along with hundreds of out-of-town visitors and buyers. Mrs. John R. (Hesta Kitchin) Crawford, Jr., has served as a member of the Board of Directors and for years has been in charge of the selection of various dealers who participate in the show. For several years, Mrs. Max Henderlite was treasurer of the show, and many other members from St. John's have prepared and given food to be sold and served to those attending. The food sales have increased the profits from the show itself.

The Museum has daily visiting hours for the public. One of St. John's members, Mrs. Henry (Margaret Brittain) Fairley gave years of service as she opened the museum and greeted visitors during visiting hours. In 1983 Mrs. Thomas K. Carlton, Jr., is on the Board of Directors.

From time to time articles have appeared in the *Salisbury Post* of people from other parts of the United States traveling to Rowan County and finding artifacts pertinent to their ancestors at the Rowan Museum.

The Michael Braun House

Built in 1766, the Michael Braun House, known locally as the "Old Stone House," is located in Granite Quarry, in the eastern part of the county. It is the oldest house in the western half of North Carolina, one of the most beautiful and architecturally sound structures in the State.

Several descendants of the Braun (Brown) family purchased the stone house many years ago to keep it from being demolished. While they had possession of the house, some repair work was done in order to make it safe and to keep it from being destroyed by vandals. The book *Michael Braun of the Old Stone House*, edited by Roscoe Brown Fisher [a ministerial son of St. John's congregation], credits members of the Brown-Fisher Association in 1929 with purchase of the property for preservation (pp. 19-20). W. A. Brown and J. L. Fisher, members of St. John's, were two of the eight trustees at that time. St. John's pastor Rev. Dr. P. D. Brown, served as one of the presidents of the Association who prompted the 1948 purchase of the Stone House by four Brown relatives including Dodd Brown, a member of St. John's. Later, the Rowan Museum Foundation procured the home as an historic site and included it in its holdings. Work began at that time, and a knowledgeable individual from Winston Salem was secured for supervision of the historic restoration and repairs to the house, and for guidance in the purchase of artifacts of the period.

Mrs. Philip (Evelyn) Sowers from St. John's has been a "rock of Gibraltar" throughout the years in the time, talent, and knowledge she has given to this project. The Old Stone House is open several months of the year to the general public at specified times, and special openings are made for schools, clubs, and others to visit the home. There again, Mrs. Sowers has been the supervisor of these tours. Since 1966 Mrs. Sowers has been a trustee of the Rowan Museum Foundation, has been president of the Museum, and has been given complete authority for the management of the house in selection of the furnishings bought for it.

Historic Salisbury Foundation

In the past several years, through the efforts of many citizens preservation of historic sites has become a local concern. A foundation was definitely needed to co-ordinate the work to be done. Many members from St. John's were charter members of this group, and under the leadership and guidance of Edward C. Clement, a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, wonders have been accomplished and given recognition by both state and national organizations.

Many members of St. John's have taken leadership responsibilities in this Foundation. Evelyn R. Sowers served on the organizational committee and is a member of the Board of Trustees. Among St. John's

members, the following have served as members of the Historic Salisbury Foundation Board of Directors: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Janie Bonds) Allen, Jr., Charles Heilig, Lewis Sowers, Mrs. Arnold Snider, Charles Sowers, Carol Stoessel Zvonar, and Mrs. Margaret Harry Kluttz, who is also president of the Foundation in 1983.

For several years the October Tour of homes, buildings, and landmarks in the historic square, as well as special historic homes, buildings, and churches in the county have provided the Foundation with funds to carry on its work.

The Rowan Art Guild

Approximately twenty-five years ago an Art Guild was organized in Salisbury and Rowan County. Among the original charter members were both Mr. and Mrs. William (Margaret Vick) Bost and Mrs. Philip Sowers. This organization has grown with outstanding art appreciation, with increased membership, with community enthusiasm, and with citizens taking part in learning and teaching. It has become a valuable part of our community. There is now a beautiful building—The Waterworks—, a sculpture garden, an art guild, an Art Ball, and a United Arts Council. Art exhibits, shown periodically, are by outstanding artists from Salisbury and elsewhere.

The following members of St. John's are fine artists and take an active part in this guild: Margaret Vick Bost, Janie Bonds Allen, Ruth Diehl Riddle, Bill Bost, Marguerite Gardner, and J. Luther Sowers.

St. John's members who have served on the Board of Directors of the United Arts Council are E. L. Allen, Jr., Janie B. Allen, Elinor B. Reynolds, and Dr. Marcus Smith.

Special recognition should be given to Luther Sowers for his artistic achievement in the field of sculpture, oil painting, water color painting, costume designing, and construction and reproduction of early war weaponry; and to Mildred Nash Isenhour for her murals in the old kindergarten room, now the archives room of St. John's.

Piedmont Players

The Piedmont Players, organized about twenty-five years ago, has grown into a very active and thriving theatrical group. Among the Sponsors, Angels, and Donors, and other contributors are many members of this congregation. The names of those who played an integral part in the organization included L. G. Goodman, Jr., Ann C. Thompson, Nellie Mahaley Boyd, Nelle Hays Troxler, and Janice Raney. St. John's members who have been on the Board of Directors are L. G. Goodman, Jr., president; Nelle H. Troxler; Judith P. Robertson; Ann C. Thompson; Marilyn Gessner Smitherman, president; Jeffrey B. Ketner, president; Christine P. Whitton; and Thomas D. Ringenberg.

Many members of St. John's have participated in various productions over the years. Among those who have taken important leads were

Ann C. Thompson, Marilyn G. Smitherman, Jeffrey Ketner, Nell N. Sowers, Amy Tannehill, Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. (Frances Diehl) Tannehill, and Dr. Malcolm Parada.

Music

For many years Salisbury has been most fortunate in having outstanding opportunities to hear professional concerts. Mrs. Clifford Peeler was one of the original group to organize a Community Concerts project. Through the years many members of St. John's have participated in ticket sales for this organization, now known as The Community Concert Series.

The Salisbury Music Club was organized in December 1946. Several members of St. John's were charter members including Mrs. David (Grace Aaron) Rendleman, Mrs. Lloyd W. Troxler, Mr. Lloyd W. Troxler, and Mr. Harry Livengood. The purpose of this organization was the study and performance of music of the best and most renowned composers, fellowship, recreation in music, and keener music appreciation in the community.

Special recognition is given to Mrs. David Rendleman for the love, talent, and devotion she daily exhibited in the musical life of this community for over a half-century.

One of the finest musical groups to perform in Salisbury is the North Carolina Symphony with headquarters in Raleigh. Through the efforts of many individuals in Salisbury and Rowan County, annual concerts by this symphony are given in Salisbury and free concerts are offered to school children from the city and county. Mrs. Lloyd Troxler was campaign manager in the early days of this organization, along with Mrs. Howard D. (Ann Francis) Bangle.

Out of interest in music evolved a new venture. Through the efforts of the community and musicians at Catawba College a local symphony—The Salisbury Symphony—was formed. Among the members of the Board of Directors of this symphony are Mrs. Thomas Carlton, Jr., Glenn Ketner, Jr., and James Whitton.

One of the highlights in a Salisbury Symphony performance was a concert presenting Miss Deborah Busby, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Trent Busby, as the piano soloist, who performed Mozart's 29th Concerto and received a standing ovation for her excellent artistry.

Another outstanding music group is that of the Salisbury Choral Society, composed of both professional and non-professional singers in the community who love music and enjoy performing. This group annually presents a delightful program for the public. Many members from St. John's are involved in this organization. Those who have served as president and member of the Board of Directors are Mrs. Marius (Virginia Honbarger) Goodnight, Mrs. E. L. Allen, Jr., Dr. Robert Tannehill, and Mrs. Robert Tannehill.

One cannot write about music in Salisbury without giving recognition to the Boyden High School musicals. The music department of Boyden High School, under the direction of George Wilson and Mickey Young, has likely been more popular with citizens of the city and county than perhaps any other music group. Annually, for a period of many years, while Mr. Wilson was at the local high school, outstanding musicals such as *South Pacific*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Oklahoma* were presented with all leads and choruses from the high school and with professional musicians brought in to accompany the performances of the students. These productions were recognized for their high standards of performance throughout this area. Many young people from St. John's participated in these productions. Those who were given a leading role were Nancy V. Wallace in *South Pacific*, Deborah Busby in *West Side Story*, and James Kesler in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. Such tremendous productions called for tremendous work on the part of parents, and those involved with their children. Among those were Dr. and Mrs. Trent Busby, Dr. and Mrs. George Busby and Mrs. Charles (Nancy Thompson) Wallace. These parents are mentioned for they assisted Mr. Wilson in practically all of the performances he produced.

The Concert Choir

The Concert Choir was organized at St. John's under the guidance and direction of Karl W. Kinard, Jr., St. John's organist and director of music. The choir is now sponsored by the United Arts Council of Salisbury, and is no longer St. John's Concert Choir; however, the concerts are performed in St. John's sanctuary. The membership is made up of vocalists throughout the city and county. Accompanying the singers are professional musicians and/or excellent local instrumentalists. These superb concerts are regarded among the finest musical presentations in the community.

Members of St. John's who are either past or present participants are Dr. Robert B. Tannehill, Frances Diehl Tannehill, Jeffrey B. Ketner, Paul W. Carter, Ernest C. Safrit, Jr., Matthew A. Trexler, M. Kathryn Smitherman, Dr. Malcolm P. Parada, Sonja Olsen Kinard, Karol Kinard Kimmell, Dr. Lawrence B. Bond, Margaret W. Lynch, Mary Virginia Ferguson Bond, Barbara Jo Sims, and K. Olaf Kinard.

Books Written by Members of St. John's

Several members of St. John's have written and published books of various kinds. Among these are *Be Kind to Your Body* by Dr. Trent Busby; *So Long, Doc* by Dr. Dennis B. Fox; *From Rice to Grand Children* and *Fabulous Yet Practical* by Nell Gordon Isenhour; *A Model for Organizational Plans for the Accreditation of Elementary and Secondary Schools* by Dr. Marcus C. Smith; and *Tombstone Inscriptions, Flint Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, York County, S.C.; Gravestone Markings, Union Lutheran Church Cemetery, Rowan County; The Old*

Lutheran Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina, Since 1768; and Rowan and Davie Counties Story of Medicine, 1753-1976, all four co-authored by Martha Withers Agner.

A drama, *Scenes from the Life of Martin Luther*, was written, directed, and presented by Dr. R. Christopher Agner to the members of St. John's during the Martin Luther 500 year celebration in 1983.

Relief Circle

The present Relief Circle was originally known as the Kings Daughters. The name was changed several years ago. The women of this group prepare and serve the meals each Tuesday to the 115 member Rotary Club. The profit from this service each week is donated entirely to charity. The following women from St. John's have been or are actively engaged in this organization: Katie Fisher Bost, Margaret Jarvis Busby, Mimi Krider Carlton, Ruth Hoffman Conrad, Cora L. Earnhardt Drye, Mary Linn Heilig, Hazel Sherrill Henderlite, Frances Thompson Krider, Blanche Stuart Lampert, Katie Misenheimer, Elinor Beckett Reynolds, Alda Clark Smith, Kate Mills Suiter Snider, and Ruth Livers Whittecar.

American Red Cross

St. John's members have been actively involved for many years in the American Red Cross. Those who have served on the Board of Directors of this most necessary and charitable organization are Mrs. Harry (Hope Ritchie) Uzzell, Miss Janice E. Raney, Mrs. John (Sarah Heider) Frazier, Mrs. Ervin (Blanche Stuart) Lampert, and Mrs. Arnold (Kate Mills Suiter) Snider, president. Sarah H. Frazier also served as a NC Field Consultant. Mary Linn Heilig was actively engaged in the Red Cross work at the Veterans Hospital.

YMCA-YWCA

In 1956-57 a large group of business men and women in the city met to organize a drive in which the two organizations, the YMCA and the YWCA, could be put under one "umbrella," thereby serving the community in a better and more efficient way. Neither of the two groups had outstanding facilities. C. Odell Sapp and Glenn E. Ketner, Sr., were co-chairmen of the drive and of the building project. Many committees and many citizens participated in this vast undertaking.

The YMCA owned a house, free of debt on West Fisher Street. This was sold and the income from the sale was turned over to the new project. At that time, Mrs. Walter L. Tatum and Mrs. Philip Sowers were members of the Board of Directors, and Mrs. Odell Sapp and Mrs. Lloyd Troxler were advisors to the Industrial Girls.

There were some 1700 contributors to this effort, many of whom were members of St. John's. From this congregation, those who made substantial contributions were Odell Sapp, Pitts Hudson, Gregory Peeler, Thomas Borland, Clyde H. Harriss, Sr., Mrs. Sam (Mattie Beam) Trexler, and Mrs. Lewis M. Miller. The following businesses owned by members

of St. John's made very substantial contributions: Isenhour Brick and Tile—John Isenhour, Sr. and Jr., and C. W. Isenhour Jr.; White Packing Company—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. (Katherine Cress) Goodman, Jr., and Mrs. Kirby (Thetis White) Cress; Salisbury Lumber Company—Mr. and Mrs. R. V. (Willie Meta Brown) Goodman; Fisher-Thompson Hardware Company—Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wood (Frances Kluttz) Fisher; Citizens Savings and Loan—Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Elinor Beckett) Reynolds and Mr. Henry Hobson; Cheerwine Bottling Company—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. (Lillian Caldwell) Peeler, Mrs. Walter L. (Pauline Peeler) Tatum, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. (Peggy Freeman) Peeler; Piedmont Mill Supply—Thomas W. Kern; and Salisbury Community Foundation—Glenn E. Ketner, Sr.; and many other members of St. John's.

Past presidents of the "Y" and members of St. John's are Odell Sapp, 1952-57 and 1967; Thomas W. Borland, 1960; Glenn Ketner, Sr., 1958 and 1972; John Robert Crawford, Jr., 1962; and Glenn Ketner, Jr., 1977. Many members of St. John's, including those who have been president have been on the Board of Directors, namely Thomas Kern, Mrs. John Frazier, Mrs. James Whitton, Ervin E. Lampert, Sr., Mrs. Nellie Mahaley Boyd, Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr., and Ervin Lampert, Jr.

The "Y" has proven to be one of the finest additions to the city and county. Additional programs and additional facilities are being added to increase the usefulness of the facility.

Special thanks should be given to Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm (Alice Ruth) Parada who have given hours of volunteer service to the swimming program. Since their work had been so valuable and so successful, there has been added an indoor swimming pool. Also, Mrs. John H. (Judith Morton) Isenhour, Jr., has done an outstanding service in the physical fitness classes which she weekly instructs. Mrs. William (Toni Cline) Kenerly has assisted with the CPR [cardio-pulmonary resuscitation] training program presented in St. John's, co-operating with the YMCA.

Church basketball leagues, both junior and senior, racket ball leagues, and others meet in this facility.

City, County, and State Offices

Among the individuals who have held important positions in the city, county, and state are those from St. John's who have served with great dignity and honor.

Those who served as mayor of the city of Salisbury were Paul N. Heilig, 1878-79; Thomas C. Linn, 1890-93 and 1897-99; Francis Marion Thompson, 1911-13; Charles F. Raney, 1935-39; James L. Fisher, 1927-31; Clifford A. Peeler, 1949-51; John H. Isenhour, Sr., 1953-55; Paul Leake Bernhardt, 1967-71; and Donald L. Weinhold, Jr., 1979-81.

City Council members from St. John's have been Arnold Snider, Jr., John Robert Crawford, Jr., Clifford A. Peeler, Charles F. Raney, John

H. Isenhour, Sr., Paul L. Bernhardt, Donald L. Weinhold, Jr. and H. Pitts Hudson.

Charles F. Raney was elected alderman before the city-county form of governing was put into effect. It should be noted here that in all of his service to the city and county government, Mr. Raney was never defeated in any election in which he was a candidate for office.

County offices held by members from St. John's were County Commissioners J. Newton Cohen, J. Lewis Sowers, and Paul S. Smith; H. Lamar Trexler, member of the County School Board; and C. Odell Sapp, member of the ABC Board of Rowan County.

State offices held by members of St. John's have been Clyde H. Harriss, House of Representatives, and C. Odell Sapp and Paul S. Smith, State Senators.

Officers and Board Members of Local Banks

The financial establishments in Salisbury have been represented by members of St. John's. Those serving as officers or board members are listed as follows: James L. Fisher and William Snider, bank presidents; Thomas W. Borland, John Robert Crawford, Jr., Dr. John Robert Crawford III, C. W. Isenhour, Jr., John H. Isenhour, Jr., Glenn E. Ketner, Sr., Ervin E. Lampert, Sr., A. G. Peeler, A. Gregory Peeler, Jr., Charles F. Raney, Odell Sapp, and James G. F. Whitton, board members (Wachovia Bank); John H. Isenhour, Sr., and C. Odell Sapp, board members (Security Bank and Trust Company); R. V. Goodman, Clifford A. Peeler, and Paul B. Reynolds, board members (First Union National Bank); Paul Leake Bernhardt, Thomas W. Kern, Charles C. Wallace, and Mrs. Charles (Nancy Thompson) Wallace, board members (North-western Bank); Tommy Eugene Smith, Arnold H. Snider, Jr., and James G. F. Whitton, board members (North Carolina National Bank); Glenn E. Ketner, Sr., Ervin E. Lampert, Jr., and Mrs. John (Oneda Sloop) Plyler, board members (Home Federal Savings and Loan); E. L. Allen, Jr., and Paul E. Reynolds, presidents; Dennis W. Rogers and Stanley W. Schoonmaker III, board members (Citizens Federal Savings and Loan).

Special Recognition

Throughout this chapter many members of St. John's have been listed who have participated in community activities on a very wide scale. However, there are some persons who have or should be given special recognition for specific things not otherwise mentioned.

Prior to his death Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller (Murtis Maynard) Nicholas gave to Rowan County some 300 acres of land which is now known as the "Dan Nicholas Park." The park is located in the eastern part of the county and has been developed into one of the most beautiful parks in the state. This park is enjoyed by all churches, groups, and citizens of the county.

John Luther Sowers, son of Lewis and Ruth Stirewalt Sowers, has distinguished himself in the field of art, including sculpture, painting, and costume designing. He designed and executed the meticulous work in the bronze doors at the entrance of St. John's Church. The double-doors were commissioned by the church and the two outer single panels were given by Thomas W. Kern in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Kern.

D. J. Mahaley and J. Michael Peeler are distinguished for their benevolences to St. John's and to the North Carolina Synod. Their names shall live through the generations, for their gifts will continue to be an integral part of financial assistance to churches, schools, seminary, scholarships, and synod needs.

James L. Fisher, Lutheran layman, and Dr. P. D. Brown, St. John's pastor, deserve special recognition for devotion to their professions, devotion to their church, and to the community as a whole. The enormous influence of these two men on the lives of people in the county and community can never be forgotten. Both men were loved, admired, respected, and held in deepest regard throughout Salisbury and Rowan County.

Dr. Frank K. Eford is given special recognition for his outstanding service to the community along with his pastoral responsibilities. He was the "speaker" on behalf of the City of Salisbury in Miami, Florida, when Salisbury was a nominee for the title of All-America City. Because of his presentation and the documentation prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury was awarded this honor.

Thomas W. Kern is gratefully remembered for his benevolences to Lenoir-Rhyne College, Catawba College, The Comprehensive Cancer Clinic at Duke Hospital, for research in the Anorexia Nervosa Unit at Duke, and for his gift of land at High Rock Lake to be used for a future retreat for St. John's congregation.

Ervin E. Lampert, Sr., is recognized for his participation in practically every civic organization in Salisbury and Rowan County, which served all groups of people and for the many honors bestowed upon him through the county, state, and nation.

The Arthur Gregory Peeler family is notable for unusual generosity. Their financial gifts made it possible to build the present chapel. This part of the new addition to St. John's was completely financed by this family's contribution.

C. W. Isenhour, L. D. Peeler, P. H. Bernhardt, and Pastor Edward Fulenwider will be remembered as members of the building committee who spearheaded the work to build St. John's present sanctuary.

Charles Heilig, James Heilig, Sr., Lawson Heilig, and Nathaniel Heilig, each of whom served the North Carolina Synod as treasurer, represent,

all told, a total of ninety-six years of service from members of one remarkable family.

Mrs. Lewis Miller will be long remembered for her expertise in leadership at the Rowan Memorial Hospital over a period of some twenty years, and for her generosity to St. John's and the Lutheran Home.

The gratitude of this congregation goes to those St. John's women and man who spent many hours making the beautiful needlepoint to cover kneelers and cushions in St. John's chapel and sanctuary. A special thanks is owed Dr. and Mrs. George Busby and Mr. Robert Loeblein for the final work in blocking and upholstering the needlepoint pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Juanita Safrit) Williams are signally identified for their outstanding efforts in organizing the program for the handicapped child. This program was a vital step in getting an outstanding program for the handicapped child in the public schools. Mrs. Polly Holshouser, a sister of Mrs. Charles (Beulah Gardner) Raney was a guiding light in the project.

Mrs. James (Marie Iddings) Blackwelder and Dr. White Iddings, her brother, are also notable. Mrs. Blackwelder is remembered for her marvelous spirit of love and devotion to St. John's and its people and for her financial help to all groups of people in need. Dr. Iddings, a Lutheran pastor and Duke Hospital chaplain retired to Salisbury where he has rendered continuous service to St. John's, particularly the Golden Age group, and successfully served as part-time interim pastor. He was recently honored with the title of Pastor Emeritus by this congregation.

Mrs. John (Doris Sink) Miller and Mrs. Don (Peggy Russell Jordan) Stiller are singled out for their outstanding service as leaders of the recreational activity for pre-schoolers at the City Recreation Center.

Odell Sapp deserves attention for his outstanding service in practically every civic enterprise in the community. As an outstanding athlete and because of his interest and support of athletics in the community, Mr. Sapp was honored by the Salisbury City Schools when the sports complex at Knox Junior High School was named for him.

Use of Church Facilities for Community Activities

St. John's provided church facilities for a great number of community activities and needs. Pastor Huddle verified the various groups and opportunities for service by St. John's congregation, such as lending of health equipment, beds, wheel chairs, and walkers; providing shelter for transients in need and meal tickets for transients; permitting use of the old garage (now demolished) for a Youth Center for all young people in Salisbury; providing use of facilities for public kindergarten, boy scout troops, girl scout troops, Brownie Scouts, Little League baseball team equipment, and sports equipment for basketball practice; facilities for Bloodmobile through the Red Cross; regular meeting place for handicapped children, classrooms for the deaf, C.P.R. instruction, Lamaz

instruction, Needlework Guild, Mother's Morning Out; banquets for synod meetings, district meetings, church conventions, and youth banquets; meeting place for Vacation Church School (in co-operation with children and parents from another church), for World Day of Prayer, Lenten Services, and other interdenominational worship services; providing use of the nave of the church for concerts by visiting choirs, drama groups, the local Concert Choir, including use of facilities for rehearsals; and radio broadcast of the Sunday worship service from St. John's.

Men's Clubs and Organizations

Certain clubs and organizations are formed to enhance the quality of fellowship and for altruistic purposes within a community. There are numerous such groups in the Salisbury and Rowan County area and it is impossible to include here information concerning all of them. Thus, this unit includes those among St. John's members who provided information, either by personal contact, answering the "Brief Leaf" notices, or from information obtained by others.

St. John's members serving as president for the Lion's Club have been Robert Carmichael, Glenn Ketner, Sr., Robert Loeblein, and Archibald Ruffy. The Lions Club each year honors the individual in the city or county who has been designated "Man of the Year." Members of St. John's receiving this honor are Ervin Lampert, 1943; Glenn Ketner, Sr., 1944; Clifford Peeler, 1949; James L. Fisher, 1950; John Isenhour, Sr., 1953; Odell Sapp, 1954; Clyde Harriss, 1960; Paul L. Bernhardt, 1967; Tom Borland, 1970; Robert Loeblein, 1975; Paul S. Smith, 1978; Glenn Ketner, Jr., 1981. The distinction of being named "Man of the Half Century" went to James L. Fisher in 1950 from the Salisbury Lions Club for his community involvement and church work. Glenn Ketner, Sr., was "Lion of the Year" in 1946. Harry Uzzell was a member of the Lions Board of Directors, and was honored for "forty-three years of perfect attendance." Robert Loeblein has served as district Governor of Lions Club.

When the Salisbury Civitan Club was organized in 1922, five of the twenty-seven charter members were associated with St. John's congregation: William E. Hennessee (husband of Elizabeth Heilig, a member of St. John's), George C. Peeler, Alfred Brady, E. W. G. Huffman, and John A. Seaber. Hennessee was the first president, 1922. Subsequent presidents from St. John's families were Lewis M. Miller, 1923; E. W. G. Huffman, 1925-26; Dr. Walter L. Tatum (husband of Pauline Peeler Tatum, St. John's member), 1926-27; Clifford A. Peeler, 1934-35; John Henry Isenhour, 1938-39; William B. Kesler, 1941-42; John Ellis Smith, Jr., 1950-51; William S. Ludwig (husband of Nancy Carter Ludwig, St. John's member), 1952-53; E. Marius Goodnight, 1957-58; and Darrell D. Loeblein, 1962-63. Since 1965, the Salisbury Civitan Club has recognized extraordinary services to the community by giving the Civitan

of the Year Award to one of its members. Darrell Loeblein was the recipient of this award in 1970. Since 1973, Civitan has annually presented to the man or woman of the Salisbury community deemed most worthy the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Clifford A. Peeler was the recipient of this award in 1982. Many of St. John's members have been active in Civitan as exemplars of good citizenship and service to others.

Past presidents of the Kiwanis Club have been Tom Borland, L. G. Goodman, Jr., Ron Smith, John Isenhour, Sr., and Lewis Sowers. Mr. Sowers also served as district governor of Kiwanis International. James Heilig has been recognized for his outstanding work and tireless efforts in behalf of the Kiwanis Health Camp.

Past presidents of the Rotary Club have been Arnold Snider, Sr., 1921; Ervin Lampert, 1945; Charles Heilig, 1949; Arnold Snider, Jr., 1952; Odell Sapp, 1955; Dr. Frank K. Efrid, 1958; Max Busby, 1973; and K. V. Epting, Jr., 1983. Dr. Marcus Smith served as president of the Rotary Club in Lenoir before moving to Salisbury. Approximately one-fifth of the members of Rotary Club are members of St. John's.

E. L. Allen, Jr., is a past president of Jaycees. Among Jaycee Award recipients have been Paul L. Bernhardt, Jr., Jaycee "Young Man of the Year," 1959; Erwin Lampert, Jr., Distinguished Service award, 1969; E. L. Allen, Jr., the "Citizen of the Year" award, 1972 and county-wide award as "Citizen of the Year in 1974;" Don Weinhold, Jr., Distinguished Service award in 1980.

The Industrial Management Club's "Industrial Man of the Year" award was received by E. L. Allen, Jr., Thomas Kern, and Clifford Peeler.

The national Conference of Christians and Jews presented the Brotherhood Award to Rev. Edward Long, Dr. Marcus Smith, and Senator Paul S. Smith.

Women's Clubs and Organizations

The Woman's Clubs, both senior and junior, have been very active in Salisbury, and countless numbers of St. John's women have been members of these groups. Mrs. Clifford Peeler has been a long-time member of the senior club and for years was the advisor to the junior club. Mrs. Marius Goodnight has been very active and has been a member of the Board of Directors. Miss Janice Raney is a past president of the Junior Woman's Club.

Members of St. John's who have been honored with distinguished awards are Mrs. Leo Sowers, Business and Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year, 1969; Mrs. Clifford Peeler, Woman's Club Woman of the Year, 1960; Mrs. Floyd Williams, Altrusa Club Career Woman of the Year, 1962; and Mrs. Lloyd W. Troxler, Career Woman of the Year, 1968.

Miss Marlene Plyler has served as president of the North Carolina Federation, and president of the local unit of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Two educational sororities have local chapters, formed to honor and recognize leadership among women educators, to promote education and to endow scholarships. Mrs. Mabel Kizer Johnston, Miss Mabel Lippard, and Mrs. Margaret Linker Wyatt were charter members of Epsilon Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Mrs. Johnston and Miss Lippard also served as president of the local group. Mrs. Betty Hudson Driscoll has been president of the Mu Chapter, Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority.

Women of St. John's who have held positions of leadership in various groups are noted by name, title, and organization as follows: Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Sr., president and regent, Maxwell Steele Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Leo Sowers, president, United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. Arnold Snider, Jr., Mrs. John Robert Crawford, Jr., Mrs. Smith Foushee, and Mrs. Paul Reynolds, president, Colonial Dames; Mrs. James Whitton, president, Junior League; Mrs. Elizabeth Merritt, charter member, Board of Directors, and chaplain, Metro Civitan Club and president three times of XI Alpha Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; Mrs. Hamilton (Nancy Crotts) Wither, Jr., and Mrs. William (Virginia Cato) Peeler, past presidents, Pine Tree Garden Club.

Sports Involvement in the City and County

St. John's members have been involved in the sports program carried out by St. John's.* However, many persons in the congregation have participated in sports activities not sponsored by the church for which special recognition should be given.

In both high school and college many St. John's members have participated in golfing programs. John H. Isenhour, Jr., was an outstanding member of the North Carolina State University golfing team. Paul Reynolds, John H. Isenhour, Jr., and John M. Henderlite, Jr., have won golf championships at the Salisbury Country Club.

Wrestling and boxing have attracted excellent athletes, too. Lloyd W. Troxler was a Southern Conference Champion wrestler while attending NCSU. The following members from St. John's were outstanding high school wrestlers: Paul B. Reynolds, Jr., Bill Troxler, Bill Kenerly, Bruce Rufty, David Troxler, and Don Weinhold, Jr. Odell Sapp was a Southern Conference Boxing Champion while attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Sapp was also a member of the football and baseball teams at Carolina. In football, he made the first touchdown ever in Kenan Stadium. Jerry Barger and Robert Spangler were both outstanding football

* See pp. 253-263 for St. John's team sports.

players at Duke University. Many of St. John's young men while in high school have been outstanding members of football teams. Bill Ludwig, husband of Mrs. Nancy Carter Ludwig, was an outstanding football coach for many years, recognized throughout the state for his leadership.

Patriotic Service and Sacrifice

Any reader who wishes to obtain a more complete list of St. John's members who served their country in wars prior to World War II will find helpful information in Brawley's *The Rowan Story 1753-1953* and in Rumble's *History of Rowan County*. During the conflicts of World War II and the wars in Korea and in Vietnam, men and women from St. John's were in military service. Their names were gathered from St. John's Honor Roll, *The League Speaks*, the church bulletins, and *St. John's Journal*.

Those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom were Harry Lee Clark¹, Joe Hearn Rufty² and Edwin Wilson Shoaf³ in World War II. Another Joe Hearn Rufty⁴ lost his life in Vietnam.

St. John's member Wendell Miller lost his life in peacetime military service. The following persons, relatives of members of St. John's congregation, were casualties while serving our country: Lt. Bruce Ross, brother of Betsy Ross Rufty; Dr. Walter L. Tatum, husband of Pauline Peeler Tatum; Lt. Glenn Dyer, husband of Julie Smith Dyer; and Lt. Wesley Withers, husband of Ann Shoaf Withers, now Loeblein.

St. John's Members in Military Service, World War II Era

Charles Mitchell Albright	Paul Leake Bernhardt
Thomas Edward Bailey	George Lee Brady, Jr.
David Goodman Bame	Marion Robert Brockman
Samuel Jarvis Bame, Jr.	Henderson M. Brown
Glenn David Bangle	Olney Joseph Brown
Pershing Bangle	Stahley Brown
B. W. Barger, Jr.	Max Busby
Charles Thomas Barger, Jr.	Richard Levi Busby
Francis Brown Barger	Trent Busby
James Moore Barger	Claude Henderson Cashwell
Joe Warren Barger	John Warren Cauble
Ben Irvin Beaver	Murriel Frederick Cauble
Guy Thomas Beaver	Norman C. Cauble
Myron Holmes Beaver, Jr.	Harry Lee Clark, killed in action
Ralph Edwin Beaver	August 18, 1944
Roy David Beaver, Jr.	Max Irvin Clark
Voils Leroy Beck	Van Lamar Clark
Floyd D. Bernhardt	Robert B. Cleaver

1. See p. 260, Vol. 1.

2. See p. 259, Vol. 1.

3. See p. 259, Vol. 1.

4. See p. 358, Vol. 1.

Tom Michael Cornelison, Jr.
 Thomas M. Crawford
 William Franklin Crowell
 James Alexander Cruse
 Frank Truett Dorsett
 Clyde D. Drye
 Charles E. Dunham, Jr.
 Gardner Emory Dunham, Jr.
 James P. Dunham
 Kenneth Wilburn Earnhardt
 Ray Lester Earnhardt
 John Elliott, Jr.
 John Elliott, Sr.
 Allen G. Farabee
 Robert Brown Fink
 Ellis Wood Fisher
 Marcus H. Fisher
 Smith Foushee, Jr.
 John A. Fox
 Dr. John W. Frazier
 John Edward Franklin
 Floyd Alexander Frick
 Joseph William Frick
 Stanford Thomas Gardner
 John Lee Gaskey
 Thomas Jesse Gaskey
 Harold Van Glover
 Roy Alford Glover, Jr.
 Linus Giles Goodman, Jr.
 Sie Chenault Graham, Jr.
 George R. Griffin
 Samuel Lee Hall
 Frank R. Hand
 T. Burton Harris
 Mozelle Hartley
 Francis Newton Hauser
 James Claude Hicks
 Frederick Merrifield Hodge
 Fletcher Council Hodges
 George Melvin Hoffner
 Ben Robert Holbrooks
 Dwight W. Holshouser
 Charles Howan
 Robert Lamar Howan

Henry Pitts Hudson
 Dorrance William Jarrett
 John Norwood Julian
 Robert Thomas Julian
 Thomas Neil Julian
 Cecil Thomas Kesler
 Samuel Joseph Kesler
 Harold Lloyd Kluttz
 Robert Leroy Kluttz
 Donald Edwin Leazer
 Grady A. Lentz
 Henry Clay Lentz III
 Richard F. Lentz
 William Price Lentz
 Charles Edward Leonard
 Charles William Leonard
 Joseph Thomas Leonard
 Samuel Franklin Leonard
 Josephine Linn
 Harry Samuel Livengood
 Richard A. Ludwig, Jr.
 Baker C. Lyerly
 Joseph Edward Lyerly
 Gideon Lee "Jimmy" Lynch
 John C. Marley
 Kenneth Mattox
 Henry Heywood Miller
 Robert Luther Miller
 Ulrich Ray Miller, Jr.
 Fred Lamon Misenheimer
 Harry Gorman Misenheimer, Jr.
 Bob Lee Mowery
 C. Leo Myers
 Harold Davis Page
 James L. Page
 Author Gregory Peeler, Jr.
 Jack Ervin Peeler
 James Clyde Peeler
 John Davis Peeler
 Joseph Woodrow Peeler
 Lewis Albert Peeler
 Robert Lee Peeler
 Trantham Franklin Peeler
 Emmett Eugene Petrea

Hugh Conrad Petrea
Claude E. Plyler
John A. Plyler
Lex Lavern Plyler
M. J. Plyler
Charles Clayton Poole
D. D. Pope, Jr.
Osborne Flake Rankin
William B. Rankin
Charles Alexander Rendleman
Dr. David Atwell Rendleman, Jr.
John Thomas Rendleman
Paul Bernhardt Reynolds
J. Bruce Ridenhour
Shelton Jacob Rimer
Claude Alexander Ritchie
Clyde Murphy Ritchie
W. Lex Ritchie
Earl. J. Rodman
Armin D. Roseman
Carl Peeler Roseman
Fred Sylvester Roseman, Jr.
Paul Milo Roseman
Dr. William Livan Ross, Jr.
Archibald Caldwell Rufty
Fred Council Rufty
Harold Edwin Rufty
Joe Hearn Rufty, killed in action
June 2, 1944.
Oliver James Rufty
John Flippin Russell, Jr.
James Monroe Safrit
Odell Sapp
Grover Lawrence Seamon, Jr.,
P.O.W. in Germany June 1944
to May 1945.
Joseph Seawell, Jr.
Edwin Wilson Shoaf, killed in
action March 8, 1945.
James D. Shoaf
Thomas Milton Shoaf, Jr.
William Walter Shoaf
George David Shoe
Lois Elizabeth Shoe

Kermit Alexander Shumaker
Edward Shuping
Warren A. Shuping
Frank Brown Sloop
Charles M. Smith
Julian Cress Smith
Paul Sanders Smith
Wilson Lee Smith
Arnold Holmes Snider, Jr.
William Davis Snider, Jr.
Charles W. Somers, Jr.
Oswald Marvin Sowers
Edith Winona Stoessel
Frank W. Stoessel
William Michael Stoessel, Jr.
William Alex Swing
Carl Graeber Talbert
Katherine Elizabeth Tarleton
Joe Todd Taylor
Katherine H. Taylor
Taialferro Holmes Taylor
John Capps Thomas
Corum Ned Trexler
Harold Dunham Trexler
James William Trexler
William Reid Trexler
Murray Franklin Tysinger
Harry M. Uzzell
Chalmers Lester Van Poole
Edwin Linn Van Poole
Thomas Bennett Van Poole
Gilmer Young Waggoner
Billy A. Wagoner
Lee Van Wagoner
Raymond H. Wagoner
Augustus Florence Wansley, Jr.
William Cobb Wansley
Perry Ernest Weant, Jr.
Edward Lamont Weber
Warren R. Wilson
Robert Blackwell Wolff
William Lafayette Wolff, Jr.
Wallace Wayne Wyatt
Howard M. Yost

St. John's Members in Military Service, **Korean War Era**

Perry F. Adams
 J. Kirby Broughton
 Benjamin B. Carson
 Richard A. Cauble
 William E. Cleaver
 William Scherer Cline
 John H. Cornelison
 Thomas Mull Crawford
 John Richard Driscoll, Jr.
 William C. Dunham
 Gardner Emry Dunham, Jr.
 Charles Franklin Eagle
 Jack D. Farrington
 John W. Frazier, Jr.
 Roy A. Glover, Jr.
 Linn Everette Graham, Jr.
 Clyde Hampton Harriss, Jr.
 James C. Hicks
 George M. Hoffner
 Jackie A. Hollis
 John Allen Horton, Jr.
 James C. Jarrett
 Joe E. Ketner
 Herman J. Kincaid
 Josephine Linn
 Kenneth Mattox Lunceford

Joseph E. Lyerly
 Kenneth Mattox
 John David McPherson
 Ray Sherrill Melchor, Jr.
 Richard Perry Melchor
 John P. Miller
 Jack Reid Misenheimer
 Arthur Cree Patterson
 Bobby Joel Plyler
 Claude Elmer Ritchie
 Robert Lee Roseman
 Dr. William Livan Ross, Jr.
 William Webb Shives, Jr.
 Robert Fletcher Shuping
 C. W. Somers, Jr.
 William Michael Stoessel, Jr.
 Katherine E. Tarleton
 Ann Barger Thomas
 Francis Eugene Thompson, Jr.
 Hannis Thompson
 Luther Lee Trexler, Jr.
 Edwin Linn Van Poole
 Gilmer Y. Waggoner, Jr.
 Thomas Lentz Wansley
 Robert Blackwell Wolff
 Charles Monroe Yost

St. John's Members in Military Service, **Vietnam War Era**

David Wesley Barger
 Benjamin Taylor Beaver
 Ronald Jerry Beaver
 William Eugene Beaver
 George Kenneth Brown
 Max Sanderlin Busby
 Thomas Kern Carlton, Jr.
 George Kenneth Carter
 Larry Charles Cauble
 Milton Frank Evans
 Charles Noel Feezor, Jr.
 Richard Larue Hannold, Jr.
 John Rudolph Harris
 Glenn Elwood Ketner, Jr.

William Seymour Ludwig
 Josephine Linn Lumbardo
 John Gorman Misenheimer
 Tony Gay Misenheimer
 Hartman Baxter Mowery
 Arthur Welford Pinkston, Jr.
 Joe Hearn Rufty, killed in action
 Jan. 29, 1970
 Ronald Lee Smith
 Arnold Holmes Snider III
 John Henry Spencer, Jr.
 Francis Eugene Thompson
 Tommie Leland Wood
 Philip Douglas Young

Patriotism of St. John's civilian members during the World War II years was exemplified by Dr. George Busby, a member of the Examining Board for Selective Service; James L. Fisher and William Snider, prominent in War Bond sales; Ervin Lampert, director of the United War Fund in North Carolina, as well as community director of Citizens Service Corp; and Robert Wolff, Veterans Service Officer for many years. St. John's members engaged in defense work in support of World War II were W. C. Dunham, Kenneth Earnhardt, Charles Otis Gaskey, Harold Glover, Zeb Morgan, Bill Petrea, Fred Rufty, Raymond Rufty, and Emmette Thompson.

In Salisbury, several groups composed of former service men and women are quite active, including activities in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Legion Auxiliaries. Leaders from St. John's include Harry Uzzell, commander of the Harold B. Jarrett Post of the American Legion; Mrs. Harry (Hope Ritchie) Uzzell, member of the Board of Directors and past president of the Harold B. Jarrett Auxiliary; and Mrs. H. A. (Anna Jackson) Bailey, vice-president of the American Legion Auxiliary in North Carolina, 1983, and president-elect for the coming year.

Community Leaders

St. John's leadership in the community is evident in the following list of those who have served in various ways: Paul S. Smith, Ervin Lampert, Glenn Ketner, Sr., Glenn Ketner, Jr., C. F. Raney, Don Weinhold, Jr., E. L. Allen, Jr., James Whitton, Odell Sapp, K. V. Epting, Jr., and Mrs. Nellie Mahaley Boyd, Board of Directors or president of Chamber of Commerce; Ervin Lampert, Paul L. Bernhardt, Glenn Ketner, Sr., and Paul S. Smith, all past presidents or members of the Merchants Association Board of Directors; Mrs. W. F. Rattz, executive secretary of Merchants Association; Ervin Lampert, president of Sales Furniture Association, Board of Directors of Industrial Foundation, president of community chest; Glenn Ketner, Jr., director and vice-president of Salisbury Sales and Marketing, member of the Executive Committee; Glenn Ketner, Sr., Board of Directors of Salisbury Foundation, member of Salisbury Planning Board, Board of Directors of Industrial Foundation, Board of Directors of Salisbury Sales and Marketing Committee; Mrs. Glenn (Addie Glover) Ketner, Sr., Board of Directors of Rowan Investment Company; Mrs. Ruth Whittecar, president of Salisbury Church Women United; Paul S. Smith, Board of Directors of Downtown Revitalization Committee; Dr. Tom Carlton, member of Salisbury Recreation Advisory Board; Odell Sapp, Board of Directors of Carolina Community Services, president of Community Chest, member of Salisbury Recreation Advisory Board; James Whitton, member of Salisbury Planning Board; Max Henderlite, Board of Directors of City Development Committee; Paul Reynolds, Board of Directors of Carolina Community

Services; Dodd Brown, president of Rowan Shrine Club, member of Salisbury Planning Board, Trustee of Rowan Museum, assistant chief of Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department; Harry Uzzell, Board of Directors, Commander of Knights of Pythias, Rowan County D.O.K.K. Temple; Don Weinhold, Jr., Board of Directors of Salisbury Community Services, Board of Directors of Salisbury Community Foundation, Board of Directors of Citizens for Older Adults; John Isenhour, Sr., Board of Directors and charter member of Industrial Foundation; Paul L. Bernhardt, Jr., Board of Directors of Industrial Foundation, Board of Directors of Margaret Woodson Foundation, president of Salisbury Housing Authority, Board of Directors of Salisbury Downtown Housing Authority; Arnold Snider, Jr., Board of Directors of Friendship House; Mrs. Jack (Catherine Holbrook Bentley) Miller, Board of Directors of Dial Help; Mrs. Paul Carter, Mrs. Clifford Peeler, Mrs. Lloyd Troxler, Mrs. E. L. Cline, Miss Margaret Roseman, leaders in St. John's contingent to deliver Meals on Wheels; Mrs. Troxler, member of organizational committee for Meals on Wheels for Salisbury; Miss Roseman, Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels and chairman of St. John's group. [St. John's congregation contributes financially to this program.] Mrs. Ron (Susan Agner Boyd) Dishman, Mrs. Francis (Brenda Masters) Goodman, and Mrs. Bill (Paula Symanko) Troxler, developers of Mothers' Morning Out program at St. John's.

Rowan County Leaders

St. John's members who rendered service to benefit the citizens of Rowan County have been Paul S. Smith, E. L. Allen, Jr., Arnold Snider, Jr., Odell Sapp, James Whitton, Ervin Lampert, Ervin Lampert, Jr., Tom Kern, Mrs. James Whitton, Glenn Ketner, Jr., and Dr. Marcus Smith, United Way presidents and Board of Directors in charge of fund raising; Miss Janice Raney, Dr. Marcus Smith, Mrs. James D. (Frances Weddington) Heilig, and Ervin Lampert, Sr., American Red Cross participants; Glenn Ketner, Sr., Board of Directors of Rowan County Developmental Committee, Board of Directors of National Disaster Committee; Paul L. Bernhardt, Jr., member of Rowan County Board of Health, Board of Directors of Rowan County Airport Commission, Board of Directors of Transportation Efficiency Council, Board of Directors of Vocational Workshop, and Board of Directors of Rowan Group Home Organization; Ervin Lampert, Sr., chairman of the Bicentennial Celebration in 1953, chairman of the Christmas Seal Campaign, member of Rowan County Planning Board, chairman of Board of Directors of Public Welfare; Max Henderlite, member of Rowan County Recreational Advisory Board; E. L. Allen, Jr., Board of Directors of Rowan County Realtors, Board of Directors of Salvation Army, chairman of Rowan County Rubella Campaign, and Board of Directors of Rowan Rehabilitation Shop; Mrs. George (Ruth Livers) Whittecar, Board of Directors

of Rowan County Literacy Commission; Glenn Ketner, Jr., Board of Directors of Rowan Christian Cooperative Ministry; Dr. Robert Tannehill, president and secretary of Rowan County Medical Society, member of Rowan County Board of Health; Odell Sapp, one of local citizens in organizing project of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission and member of the Board of Directors; Mrs. Paul (Carol Baumgardner) McCubbins, local chairperson of GEMS (instruction for baby-sitting sponsored by the Rowan County Medical Auxiliary and presented at St. John's), and first co-ordinator of tennis league; Mrs. Leo (Nell Nash) Sowers, precinct chairman and chairperson of the Rowan County Democrat Party, president of Democrat Women in Rowan County, and Board of Directors of Rowan County Social Services; Mrs. Nellie Mahaley Boyd, charter member of Board on Council of Status for Women; Harry Uzzell, Board of Directors of Rowan County Wildlife Association; Don Weinhold, Jr., chairman of Democrat Party, 1981-83; and Marlene Plyler, chairperson of Rowan County United Arts for the Handicapped.

Leaders in State Organizations

Those members of the congregation who have served at the state level in various ways are Dr. Marcus Smith, Board of Directors of Southern Association for Supervisors of Curricula, member of the North Carolina Governor's Study on School Curriculum, Board of Directors and Treasurer of the North Carolina Teachers Association; John Robert Crawford, Jr., Board of Directors of the Lineberger Foundation; Dr. John Robert Crawford III, Board of Directors of Children's Home Society of North Carolina, president of Advisory Board of the State Commission for the Blind; Odell Sapp, president of the State Automobile Association, Board of Directors of Criminal Code Revision Committee, member of Trustees Committee of the University of North Carolina, Board of Directors of General Alumni Association of UNC, Board of Directors of the Morehead Scholarship Committee, Board of Directors of Carolina Community Services; Mrs. George Whittecar, Board of Directors of the North Carolina Literacy Committee; C. F. Raney, Board of Directors of the League of Municipalities; John Isenhour, Sr., member of the North Carolina State University Engineering Board, Board of Directors and charter member of the North Carolina Brick Builders Association; John Isenhour, Jr., Board of Directors, Brick Association of North Carolina; Mrs. Philip (Evelyn Roberts) Sowers, Board of Directors of North Carolina Victorian Society; Mrs. Paul McCubbins, Board of Directors of State Medical Auxiliary; Tom Borland, president of the North Carolina Textile Board; Ervin Lampert, first recipient of Willis Award for outstanding leadership in the state and national Furniture Dealers Association; Clifford Peeler, Board of Directors of State Library Commission, nominated by the Governor of the State to represent North Carolina in the Trade Fair in Europe; Mrs. Judith Parker Robertson,

chairperson of Central and State Committee for the Republican Party, president of the Eighth District Republican Women; W. L. Ross, president of North and South Carolina Postman's Association; John Robert Crawford III, Board of Directors of the North Carolina Children's Home Society; Mrs. James Whitton, Board of Directors of N. C. Children's Home Society; James Whitton, Board of Directors of the University of North Carolina Foundation; Don Weinhold, Jr., Board of Directors of the N. C. General Statutes Commission, Board of Directors of the N. C. Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission; Charles H. Harris, Jr., Mrs. John Ellis Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Lloyd W. Troxler, Board of Directors of the N. C. segment, American Cancer Society; Mrs. George (Margaret Harry) Kluttz, Board of Directors of the N. C. Heart Society; Mrs. Leo Sowers, president of Association of N. C. Business Colleges; Glenn Ketner, Jr., president of N. C. Judicial District 19A of the N. C. Bar Association, served as a president's associate of Duke University; and Marlene Plyler, State president of N. C. Easter Seals and Board of Directors for twelve years; State chairman of Blue Cross-Blue Shield Subscribers Board, member of the Council of Mid-Crescent Piedmont Health Systems agency.

Leaders in National Organizations

Those St. John's members who have served or been honored at the national level are Paul Leake Bernhardt, National Hardware Retailer of the Year, committee member of the U. S. Conference of Mayors, delegate to the White House for Conference of Small Businesses in 1980; Charles Isenhour, Jr., Board of Directors of the American Ceramic Society; Ervin Lampert, trustee and president of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit Corporation, president of Southern Retail Furniture Association, Board of Directors of Fabric Division of Southern Interiors; Don Weinhold, Jr., award of "Superior Performance" from the U. S. Department of Commerce in 1971, '72, and '73; John Isenhour, Jr., Board of Directors of Brick Institute of America.

The National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters was started in Salisbury and Rowan County. The annual meeting is held in Salisbury to honor nationally the outstanding people in the field of sportscasting and sports writing. Recipients of awards given by this association come to Salisbury from all parts of the United States for these awards. Many people from St. John's have worked diligently to help organize and build The National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters program. Significant leaders in this national project, have been Odell Sapp, Ervin Lampert, and Ervin Lampert, Jr.

APPENDIX A

Dr. Martin Luther's

SMALL CATECHISM

PART ONE

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*In the plain form in which they are to be
taught by the head of a family*

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

**I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods before me.**

What is meant by this commandment?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God
in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who
takes his name in vain.**

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon Him in every time of need, and worship Him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to despise His Word and the preaching of the gospel, but deem it holy, and willingly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be
long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.**

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to despise nor displease our parents and superiors, but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not kill.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to do our neighbor any bodily harm or injury, but rather assist and comfort him in danger and want.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as to be chaste and pure in our words and deeds, each one also loving and honoring his wife or her husband.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to rob our neighbor of his money or property, nor bring it into our possession by unfair dealing or fraudulent means, but rather assist him to improve and protect it.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to belie, betray, slander, nor raise injurious reports against our neighbor, but apologize for him, speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all his actions.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to desire by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor to obtain it under the pretext of a legal right, but be ready to assist and serve him in the preservation of his own.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God, as not to alienate our neighbor's wife from him, entice away his servants, nor let loose his cattle, but use our endeavors that they may remain and discharge their duty to him.

What does God declare concerning all these commandments?

He says: I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

What is meant by this declaration?

God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. We should, therefore, dread His displeasure, and not act contrarily to these commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep them. We should, therefore, love Him, trust in Him, and cheerfully do what He has commanded us.

PART TWO

THE CREED

*In the plain form in which it is to be
taught by the head of a family*

THE FIRST ARTICLE
OF CREATION

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What is meant by this article?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, with all my limbs and senses, my reason and all the faculties of my mind, together with my raiment, food, home, and family, and all my property; that He daily provides me abundantly with all the necessities of life; protects me

from all danger, and preserves me and guards me against all evil; all of which He does out of pure, paternal, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE OF REDEMPTION

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

What is meant by this article?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, secured and delivered me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE OF SANCTIFICATION

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

What is meant by this article?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me by His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the true faith; in which Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and will raise up me and all the dead at the last day,

and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PART THREE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*In the plain form in which it is to be
taught by the head of a family*

Our Father who art in heaven.

What is meant by this?

God would thereby affectionately encourage us to believe that He is truly our Father and that we are His children indeed, so that we may call upon Him with all cheerfulness and confidence, even as beloved children entreat their affectionate parent.

THE FIRST PETITION

Hallowed be thy name.

What is meant by this petition?

The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also by us.

How is this done?

When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as children of God, lead holy lives in accordance with it; this grant us, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives otherwise than as God's Word prescribes, profanes the name of God among us; from this preserve us, heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION

Thy kingdom come.

What is meant by this petition?

The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How is this done?

When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word, and live a godly life here on earth, and in heaven for ever.

THE THIRD PETITION

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

What is meant by this petition?

The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done by us also.

How is this done?

When God frustrates and brings to naught every evil counsel and purpose, which would hinder us from hallowing the name of God, and prevent His kingdom from coming to us, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh; and when He strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in the faith, even to our end. This is His gracious and good will.

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

What is meant by this petition?

God indeed gives daily bread to all men, even to the wicked, without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that He would make us sensible of His benefits, and enable us to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is implied in the words "Our daily bread"?

All things that pertain to the wants and the support of this present life; such as food, raiment, money, goods, house and land, and other property; a believing spouse and good children; trustworthy servants and faithful magistrates; favorable seasons, peace and health; education and honor; true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What is meant by this petition?

We pray in this petition, that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins, nor deny us our request on account of them; for we are not worthy of anything for which we pray, and have not merited it; but that He would grant us all things through grace, although we daily commit much sin, and deserve chastisement alone. We will, therefore, on our part, both heartily forgive, and also readily do good to those who may injure or offend us.

THE SIXTH PETITION

And lead us not into temptation.

What is meant by this petition?

God indeed tempts no one to sin; but we pray in this petition that God would so guard and preserve us, that the devil, the world, and our own flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into error and unbelief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and that, though we may be thus tempted, we may nevertheless finally prevail and gain the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION

But deliver us from evil.

What is meant by this petition?

We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from all manner of evil, whether it affect the body or soul, property or character, and, at last, when the hour of death shall arrive, grant us a happy end, and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

THE CONCLUSION

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

What does the word "Amen" mean?

It means that I should be assured that such petitions are acceptable to our heavenly Father, and are heard by Him; for He himself has commanded us to pray in this manner, and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, that is, Yea, yea, it shall be so.

PART FOUR

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*In the plain form in which it is to be
taught by the head of a family*

I

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's Word.

What is that word of God?

It is that which our Lord Jesus Christ spoke, as it is recorded in the last chapter of Matthew: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

II**WHAT GIFTS OR BENEFITS DOES BAPTISM CONFER?**

It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and confers everlasting salvation on all who believe, as the promise of God declares.

What is this promise of God?

It is that which our Lord Jesus Christ gave as recorded in the last chapter of Mark: He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

III**HOW CAN WATER PRODUCE SUCH GREAT EFFECTS?**

It is not the water indeed that produces these effects, but the Word of God, which accompanies and is connected with the water, and our faith which relies on the Word of God connected with the water. For the water, without the Word of God, is simply water and no baptism. But when connected with the Word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit; as St. Paul says to Titus, in the third chapter (verses 5-8):

He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

IV**WHAT DOES SUCH BAPTIZING WITH WATER SIGNIFY?**

It signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil lusts, is to be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, and that the new man should daily come forth and rise, to live before God in righteousness and holiness for ever.

Where is it so written?

St. Paul, in the Epistle to the Romans, chapter 6, verse 4, says: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

PART FIVE
THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR
or
THE LORD'S SUPPER

*In the plain form in which it is to be
taught by the head of a family*

I

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ himself.

Where is it so written?

The holy evangelists, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, when he had supped, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

II

WHAT BENEFITS ARE DERIVED FROM SUCH EATING AND DRINKING?

They are pointed out in these words: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins.* Namely, through these words, the remission of sins, life and salvation are granted to us in the Sacrament. For where there is remission of sins, there are also life and salvation.

III

**HOW CAN BODILY EATING AND DRINKING PRODUCE
SUCH GREAT EFFECTS?**

The eating and drinking, indeed, do not produce them, but the words which stand here, namely: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins*. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the chief things in the Sacrament; and he who believes these words, has that which they declare and set forth, namely, the remission of sins.

IV

**WHO IS IT, THEN, THAT RECEIVES THIS
SACRAMENT WORTHILY?**

Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good external discipline; but he is truly worthy and well prepared, who believes these words: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins*. But he who does not believe these words, or who doubts, is unworthy and unfit; for the words: *for you*, require truly believing hearts.

APPENDIX B

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Salisbury, N.C.

The Rev. P. D. Brown, D.D., Pastor

The Rev. R. Harold Terry, Assistant Pastor

1948 - 1949

PRAYER

"God be merciful unto us,
and bless us; and cause His
face to shine upon us; that Thy
way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all
nations." Amen.

Psalm 67:1,2

FOREWORD

The women of St. John's have heard the Master's call to service and have given that call a wholehearted response. On June 14, 1948 THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH was formally organized. The membership is now over 300 and it is still growing. It drew its strength from the Women's Missionary Society, the Ladies Aid Society and the Young Women's Auxiliary, and from others who also heard the Master's call.

We are all tremendously proud of the fine beginning that has been made and the future holds the promise of great achievements for the Kingdom here in St. John's and in Kingdom service to the ends of the earth.

Great things will be expected of us, and we will do great things if every officer, every committee member, and every member does her very best. Let us daily ask the Lord's blessing on the work He has given us to do. "If we do our best, He will do the rest."

On the following pages you find a full outline of the organization and program of THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH of St. John's. Please give it a careful study and then keep it handy for reference.

This first hand-book of our WOMEN OF THE CHURCH is sent out with the prayer that God will bless this organization and each of its members to the advancement of His Kingdom and to the glory of His Holy Name.

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	Brantley, Mrs. Carson	643 Mahaley
	Conrad, Mrs. G. F.	628 W Innes
	Crawford, Mrs. J. R., Sr.	310 N. Main
	Foushee, Mrs. Smith	305 N. Main
	Glover, Mrs. Francis	Catawba Rd.
	Howan, Mrs. Merle	703 W Innes
	Grimes, Mrs. J. W.	602 W Council
	Julian, Miss Helen	306 W Marsh
	Julian, Mrs. R. L.	429 E Innes
	Kesler, Mrs. S. A.	429 Park
	Pearson, Mrs. B. G.	305 N. Main
	Peeler, Mrs. Geo.	414 S Main
	Roseman, Mrs. Fred	527 W Cemetery
	Sapp, Mrs. Odell	314 W Marsh
	Somers, Mrs. C. W.	502 W Cemetery
	Troxler, Mrs. Lloyd	Eaman Park
	Winecoff, Mrs. R. L.	1631 S Main
	Wright, Mrs. Geo.	Fairmont Ter.

Time of meeting: 1st Monday 3:30 P. M.

GROUP "T"

Leader	Mrs. John E. Smith Jr.	428 W Monroe
Asst "	Mrs. Ervin Lampert	Milford Hills
Secy	Mrs. B. J. Thompson	117 Mil Hls
Treas	Mrs. S. C. Owen	RFD #1

Ballard, Mrs. Reginald	718 S Ellis
Barringer, Mrs. B. K.	424 W Horah
Barger, Mrs. Chas.	915 Linc. Rd.
Casper, Mrs. J. M.	404 Wiley
Cromer, Mrs. V. R.	115 S Ellis
Ferguson, Mrs. J. C.	600 Park
Isenhour, Mrs. C. W., Jr.	719 S Ellis
Kneeburg, Mrs. C. E.	Milford Hills
Lentz, Miss Mary J.	600 Park
Livengood, Mrs. Harry	318 S Lee
Miller, Mrs. W. L.	427 W. Fisher
Plyler, Mrs. T. R.	Stvl Rd.
Rattz, Mrs. W. F.	601 W Council
Sloop, Mrs. F. B.	723 Maupin
Temple, Mrs. E. S.	Milford Hills
Vogler, Mrs. George	W. Innes
Weinbrun, Mrs. C. E.	Milford Hills
Workman, Mrs. T. J.	229 Mocksv.

Time of meeting: 1st Tuesday 8:00 P. M.

Group "J"

Leader	Mrs. Curtis L. Wyatt	227 W. Marsh
Asst "	Miss Addie Rufty	221 S. Long
Secy	Mrs. Earl Kluttz	520 S. Fulton
Treas.	Mrs. M. E. Miller	400 Wiley
	Beck, Mrs. Roy	116 E. Monroe
	Boyd, Mrs. Nellie M.	800 N. Main
	Byrne, Mrs. M. A.	726 Wiley
	Crawford, Mrs. J. R., Jr.	207 S. Ellis
	Charles, Miss Ruth	314 N. Ellis
	Fricke, Mrs. Belle	211 S. Clay
	Hodges, Mrs. James	Charlotte Hgw
	Holsclaw, Mrs. W. L.	224 E. Bank
	Irvin, Mrs. J. W.	703 N. Main
	Jackson, Mrs. M. L.	314 W. Thomas
	Lentz, Mrs. P. A.	108 N. Ellis
	Lyerly, Mrs. Burley	312 Maupin
	Mesimer, Mrs. Grady F.	403 Lantz
	Peeler, Mrs. C. A.	327 Mocksvle
	Pinkston, Miss Ella	319 W. Marsh
	Reynolds, Mrs. Paul	129 S. Ellis
	Ritchie, Mrs. Lex	926 S. Fulton
	Rufty, Mrs. O. O.	221 S. Long
	Setzer, Mrs. R. W.	Catawba Coll.
	Tarleton, Mrs. Ray	114 S. Caldwl
	Tysinger, Mrs. Cora	301 S. Shaver
	Wyatt, Mrs. C. B.	420 Wiley

Time of meeting: 1st Monday 8 P. M.

Group "Catharine Stirewalt"

Leader	Mrs. Oliver Rufty	421 N. Long
Asst "	Mrs. H. E. Withers, Jr.	328 Corriher
Secy	Mrs. Burt Beaver	705 N. Fulton
Treas	Mrs. Harry Uzzell	926 S. Fulton
	Brown, Mrs. Meredith	507 S. Main
	Brown, Miss Mildred	700 E. Innes
	Cauble, Mrs. Fletcher	P.O. Box 1495
	Drye, Mrs. T. E.	421 N. Main
	Folger, Mrs. Roy	824 N. Jackson
	Henry, Mrs. Chas.	109 Mitchell
	Lake, Mrs. James	621 W. Council
	Ludwig, Mrs. Richard	117 N. Shaver
	Lynch, Mrs. Jimmy	1020 Highland
	McCanless, Mrs. Ross	Charlotte Hgw.
	Peeler, Mrs. T. C.	510 E. Council
	Pinkston, Mrs. A. W.	621 E. Innes
	Rader, Mrs. A. M.	812 E. Innes
	Rufty, Mrs. H. E., Jr.	311 N. Jackson
	Russell, Mrs. J. F.	531 E. Fisher
	Safrit, Mrs. E. C.	104 Mitchell
	Small, Mrs. Perry	525 W. Innes
	Sowers, Mrs. Leo	315 Mocksville
	Tysinger, Mrs. M. F.	956 Fairmont
	Uzzell, Mrs. Ruth	403 S. Church
	Weber, Mrs. E. L.	109 Mitchell
	Wilson, Mrs. Warren	407 S. Church

Time of meeting: 1st Tuesday 8 P. M.

Group "Barbara Whitener"

Leader	Mrs. Floyd Williams	423 E Fisher
Asst "	Mrs. L. G. Goodman, Jr.	1126 Blair
Secy	Mrs. Abbie Peeler	508 E Innes
Treas	Mrs. Henry Tysinger, Jr.	301 S Shaver
	Adams, Mrs. T. C.	R #5
	Bame, Mrs. Sam	706 S Ellis
	Cline, Mrs. Howard	510 Maupin
	Faggart, Mrs. C. W.	330 Wiley
	Frazier, Mrs. John	Pine Tree Rd
	Hand, Mrs. Frank	527 E Cemetery
	Kluttz, Mrs. Hazel	123 E Monroe
	Leonard, Miss Eliz.	115 N Caldwell
	Linn, Miss Josephine	418 W Innes
	Marley, Mrs. John	116 S Long
	Mattox, Mrs. M. B.	811 Mocksville
	Miller, Mrs. U. Ray	119 W Thomas
	Pinkston, Mrs. O. R.	319 W Horah
	Reynolds, Mrs. Beulah	319 W Horah
	Rickmond, Mrs. C. J.	324 Maupin
	Ryan, Mrs. Fred	619 Maupin
	Safrit, Mrs. James	932 Lincolnton
	Shoaf, Mrs. T. M.	115 S Caldwell
	Weant, Mrs. Clifton	930 Lincolnton

Time of meeting: 1st Tuesday 8:00 P. M.

Group "Gladys Happer"

Leader	Mrs. Clement Brown	Lincolnton Rd.
Asst "	Miss Norma Ludwig	117 N Shaver
Secy	Mrs. W. M. Stoessel, Jr.	125 E Henderson
Treas	Mrs. W. M. Alsobrooks	718 Circle Dr.

Britt, Mrs. Robert	313 W Fisher
Brown, Mrs. Kenneth	105 Mitchell
Brown, Mrs. Leo	224 Marsh
Busby, Mrs. Max	429 Mahaley
Carter, Mrs. Paul	324 S Fulton
Driscoll, Mrs. Richard	519 N Main
Gillian, Miss Ruth	211 Wiley
Goodnight, Mrs. E. M.	810 Mocksville
Harris, Mrs. Burt	Eaman Park
Horton, Miss Miriam	614 E Innes
Kern, Mrs. Tommy	230 Mitchell
Lentz, Miss Betty	108 N Ellis
McGinnis, Mrs. H. B.	932 N Main
Miller, Miss Eliz.	300 Maupin
Misenheimer, Mrs. Fred	816 E Innes
Mowery, Mrs. Merle	601 W. Council
Mowery, Miss Pauline	215 S Shaver
Patterson, Mrs. W. T.	212 Fairson
Peeler, Miss Ann	414 S Main
Raney, Miss Janice	603 S Fulton
Rufty, Mrs. Tom	1010 Richard
Seawell, Mrs. Joe, Jr.	413 Mitchell
Smith, Mrs. Julian	125 Military
Smith, Mrs. Wilson	117 S Shaver
Somers, Miss Adelaide	502 W Cemetery
Weinhold, Mrs. Donald	1009 N Jackson
Yarborough, Florence	Box 854
Zimmerman, Mrs. Milton	1222 S Fulton

Time of meeting: 2nd Tuesday 8:00 P. M.

BUDGET**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Salisbury, N. C.

General Dues	\$900.00
Christmas Offering	75.00
Life Membership (2)	20.00
Mission Study	15.00
Delegates to Convention	15.00
Lutheran Women's Work (1 in each home)	275.00
Sullivan Ragan Fund, 20 shares	100.00
Patron and Protege, 1 native India Worker	50.00
Hebrew Missions	15.00
N. C. Missions, (more if surplus at end of year)	100.00
Care of Choir robes	75.00
Girl Scout Program	125.00
Local Christmas Work	75.00
Contingent fund (Incidental expenses)	150.00
TOTAL	\$1,990.00

Thank offering and Lenten self-denial offerings are not included in the budget, but will be special offerings at the proper time.

Funds received from dinners or other special gifts or offerings for local work are not included in this budget.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, N. C.

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be called **THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH** of St. John's Lutheran Church of Salisbury, N. C.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1. To assist in the promotion of the fellowship, stewardship, educational and spiritual program of St. John's congregation.

Section 2. To promote and stimulate the interest of St. John's congregation in the work of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 3. To bring the women of St. John's congregation, through the proper conference and synodical channels, into active affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 4. Nothing in this constitution and by-laws shall be in conflict with the constitution and by-laws of St. John's congregation.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Every woman member of the congregation shall be eligible for membership in **THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**.

Section 2. Any other Christian woman may become a member by the unanimous vote of the group in which she seeks affiliation.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Officers shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer in charge of missionary funds, a treasurer in charge of local funds, a financial secretary, and such other officers as may be needed.

ARTICLE V ANNUAL MEETING

An annual meeting shall be held at a stated time for the purpose of electing officers, hearing reports of the year's work, and planning for the year ahead.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any quarterly meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous quarterly meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 2. All officers, except the treasurers, shall be eligible for not more than two re-elections. The treasurers shall be eligible for not more than four re-elections.

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of the officers shall be those usually implied by the office.

ARTICLE III THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The officers and group leaders shall constitute an Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall plan and promote the general work of the organization, arrange for proper division of the membership into groups, appoint group leaders, appoint such committees and secretaries as may be needed for the work of the organization, and transact such general business as may be necessary in the interim between quarterly meetings.

Section 3. All actions of the Executive Board shall be reported to the quarterly meeting of the organization.

ARTICLE IV MISSIONARY WORK

Section 1. A chairman of Mission Work shall be appointed by the Executive Board. This chairman should preferably be one of the vice-presidents.

Section 2. The mission work shall be promoted under the following departments or divisions:

Program	Box work or special aid
Life Membership	Mission Study
Thank Offering	India Lace
In Memoriam	Patron and Protege
Magazine	Any others that may be needed

Section 3. A secretary for each of these departments or divisions shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Each departmental secretary, in cooperation with the chairman of Mission Work, shall appoint suitable helpers to assist in her work.

ARTICLE V LOCAL WORK

Section 1. A Chairman of Local Work shall be appointed by the Executive Board. This chairman should preferably be one of the vice-presidents.

Section 2. The Local Work shall be promoted under the following departments or divisions:

Paraments	Evangelism
Flowers for Sanctuary	Sick and Shut-in
Suppers	Social
Girl Scouts	Any others that may be needed

Section 3. A secretary for each of these departments or divisions shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Each departmental secretary in cooperation with the chairman of Local Work shall appoint suitable helpers to assist in her work.

ARTICLE VI GROUPS

Section 1. The membership of the organization shall be divided into groups of approximately 20 women to the group.

Section 2. The groups shall be reconstituted every two years. The evening groups may be excepted from this reconstitution.

Section 3. Each group shall elect annually a leader, assistant leader, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers, secretaries, and committees as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII PROGRAMS

Section 1. The annual and quarterly meetings shall consist of a program of devotions and a business session.

Section 2. At all group meetings a program shall be presented according to the stated purpose of the Women of the Church.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

Section 1. An annual budget shall be adopted at the annual meeting in March for the year beginning July 1st. This budget shall include funds for both mission work and local work.

Section 3. [sic] Special Offerings, such as Thank Offering, Lenten Offering, or any other mission offering authorized by the Executive Board, shall go to the Mission Work Treasury.

Section 4. Funds realized from suppers served in the interest of church work, or special gifts for the flower fund, or other special offerings or gifts for local work, shall go to the Local Work Treasury.

Section 5. All budget funds shall be transmitted to the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary, the President, and the two Treasurers shall determine which funds shall go to mission work and which funds shall go to local work.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any quarterly meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting of the organization.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Women of the Church was presented to the Young Women's Auxiliary, Ladies Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Society of St. John's at their regular meetings in March, 1948, and was approved. At a joint meeting of the three organizations April 19, 1948 this Constitution and By-Laws was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX C

Gladys Morgan Happer, M. D.

by Merrea Smith Weinhold

While going through the St. John's Archives and a myriad of materials there, I kept running into books, bulletins, newspaper clippings and letters referring to Dr. Gladys Morgan, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan. Her father was a former president of our synod, and her mother was a former president of the N. C. Synod Women's Missionary Society. They were members of St. John's. Gladys became the first woman medical missionary from St. John's. In April, 1935, a young woman alone, she left for Repalle, India.

Three years later, Elizabeth McCauley, who served in India with Gladys, wrote to Mrs. Morgan describing in detail the wedding of Gladys to Captain William Happer. From the description, it was a fairy tale wedding. It took place in a large church with 500 people present, 100 more than the number of invitations sent. The whole front of the church was decorated with ten to twelve-foot coconut palm trees, leaves, ferns, and date palms. The effect was that of a mass of greenery.

Captain William Happer, also a physician, was head of the Government Hospital in Repalle, and Gladys was head of the Kugler Hospital in Repalle. At the wedding, all the government hospital nurses sat in one section of the church and Kugler nurses in another. The government nurses had on pink silk jackets and white saris with pink roses in their hair. The Hindu ladies had on exquisite saris with jewels and flowers in their hair.

Dr. Happer in military uniform was waiting as Gladys in wedding gown came down the long aisle alone, carrying a sheaf of calla lilies. Her two bridesmaids, one in blue and one in pink, attended her. Gladys' gown of white lace over white satin with dozens of little buttons down the back and with a long train was made by a "Guntur dirzie." Gladys' veil was made by the women at Narasarpupet. She wore small rosebuds and jasmine in her hair. The bridesmaids also wore lace over satin with little hats encircled by flowers.

After the wedding, a reception was held in the garden. Students and others swarmed over the bride and groom at the reception in the garden. The Guntur police had to keep order. The press was there and pictures were made. At the reception a seventy-five pound, four-tier cake was cut first by Gladys and Capt. Happer with his sword, and then the caterer took over.

After refreshments, the couple received their guests. According to the letter describing this event, "With genuine love and good will, both of them shook hands with every guest who came. The Government Hospital Nurses showered them with pink rose petals, and various Hindu friends loaded them with jasmine garlands."

Although Dr. and Mrs. Morgan could not be there to see their beloved daughter enter into this new life, the letter assured the Morgans that they would like their new son-in-law. The writer said, "Yes, he will love her, care for her—"Cherish her." She went on to say, "These two, so accustomed to serving others, to thinking of others, are now to live together and try to get used to thinking of each other. Knowing them, I'm afraid each will out-do the other in unselfishness."

What a beautiful testimonial! In 1948 the first missionary group I was in was named for Gladys Happer, and here nearly forty years later I learn to know and admire her through research I have done for the history of St. John's.

APPENDIX D

MILITARY RECORDS, WORLD WAR II

*As recorded in St. John's Bulletin Inserts and from The League Speaks
(Entries from The League Speaks are followed by TLS.)*

CHARLES MITCHELL ALBRIGHT, FIRST LIEUTENANT, entered the service September, 1940, and went overseas in December, 1943, and served in the 1877th Engineers Aviation Battalion in North Africa, North Burma and Central Burma. He has two battle stars and the Unit Meritorius Service Award. He and his wife are temporarily at 122 Woodson Street.

THOMAS EDWARD BAILEY, SPECIALIST (SHORE PATROL) FIRST CLASS, USNR, entered the service November, 1942. Spent one year in Recruiting Service and was transferred to Norfolk, Va., to Shore Patrol Headquarters. Last two years of service spent with Legal Department Headquarters. He and his wife are living temporarily on West Innes Extension.

DAVIS GOODMAN BAME, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in November, 1942, and went overseas in July, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has five Battle Stars. He is now living at 708 S. Ellis Street, but will soon enter college.

SAMUEL JARVIS BAME, JR., PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in February, 1943, and went overseas in April, 1945. He served in Luzon, the Philippines, Leyte and Tokyo, in the Proximity Fuze Program. He has two Battle Stars. He will live at 706 S. Ellis Street.

GLENN DAVID BANGLE, FLIGHT ENGINEER ON A TRANSPORT PLANE, U.S. MARINE CORPS. He entered the service in January 1942 and was sent overseas in September. His home base was Bougainville and he was in the invasion of Guadalcanal. In May 1945 he had 372 flying hours to his credit. He is the son of Mrs. Minnie Bangle of 1 Rhyne St. (TLS)

PERSHING BANGLE, FIRST SERGEANT, entered the service in September, 1940. He first saw service in Massachusetts and Utah and went overseas in December, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in New Guinea and Luzon. He has two Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife and child are temporarily at 1 Ryan Street.

B.W. BARGER, JR., RADARMAN SECOND CLASS, entered the service in February, 1944, and went overseas in July, 1944. He participated in the actions at Luzon, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, China Sea and Tokyo. He has five Battle Stars, the American, Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. He and his wife and children are living at 128 E. Horah Street.

CHARLES THOMAS BARGER, JR., AVIATION ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN'S MATE THIRD CLASS, entered the service in June, 1943. Most of his service was spent in schools at Duke University and Corpus Christi, Texas. He will live at 915 Lincolnton Road and will go to school.

FRANCIS BROWN BARGER, SERGEANT, entered the service in September, 1942, and went overseas in November, 1944. He served in the Quartermaster's Supply Department 21 months at Norfolk, and then in Saipan, Okinawa and China. He has one Battle Star. He will live at 128 E. Horah Street.

JAMES MOORE BARGER, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in July, 1942, and his entire service was given at Fort Bragg, N.C., as supply Sergeant for the induction and separation centers. He and his wife and two children are living temporarily in Concord, N.C.

JOE WARREN BARGER, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in August, 1943, and went overseas in February, 1945. He served in the Aviation Division of the Marine Corps at Kwajalein and Guam. He and his wife and child are living at 630 South Ellis Street.

BEN IRVIN BEAVER, AVIATION CADET, entered the service in November, 1943. He received his instruction as a Flying Engineer at the B-29 Flying Engineering School at Amarillo, Texas, and the war ended before his training was completed. He is now a student at Catawba College, and lives with his parents at 214 Salisbury Ave., Spencer.

GUY THOMAS BEAVER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in February, 1942, and went overseas in August, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Northern France, Alsace-Lorraine, the Rhine, and Central Europe. He has four Battle Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. He will live at 214 Salisbury Avenue, Spencer.

RALPH EDWIN BEAVER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in November, 1942, and went overseas in October, 1944. He served in France, in the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has two Battle Stars. He and his wife will live at 215 W. Horah Street.

ROY DAVID BEAVER, T-SGT., entered the service November 1942, and spent 25 months in the Pacific Theatre of War. He participated in the campaigns in New Guinea, Bismarck, Archipelago, Southern

Philippines and Luzon. He was a member of the famous First Calvary Division and has four battle stars, Bronze Star Medal and Philippine Liberation ribbon with two bronze stars. He and his wife are now at 719 Lincolnton Road.

VOILS LEROY BECK, RADARMAN, THIRD CLASS, entered the service in June, 1944, and went overseas in November, 1944. He served on Troop Transport USS Karnes in the South Pacific area. He has one Battle Star for the Okinawa campaign. He will live at 116 E. Monroe St.

PAUL LEAKE BERNHARDT, CORPORAL, entered the service in June, 1943, and went overseas in June, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has five Battle Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. He will live at 328 W. Bank Street.

GEORGE LEE BRADY, JR., formerly in Merchant Marines, was awaiting shipment overseas with the Army in February 1946. His parents resided at 521 Park Avenue. (TLS)

HENDERSON M. BROWN, CORPORAL, entered the service in June, 1942, and went overseas in April, 1944. He participated in the Normandy campaign where he was wounded. He spent 13 months in hospitals in England and America. He has one Battle Star, the Purple Heart, and the European Theatre Ribbon. He and his family will live on East Innes Extension.

OLNEY J. BROWN, RADARMAN, SECOND CLASS, entered the service in November, 1943, and went overseas in March, 1944, serving 21 months in the Pacific Theatre. He participated in the campaign of Okinawa and has two Battle Stars and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He and his family are temporarily at Lenoir, but will live in Salisbury later.

STAHLEY BROWN, PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS, entered the service in February, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1942. He served in the Fiji Islands and then spent sixteen months as Athletic Director at Camp Parker, California. The remainder of his overseas service was spent at New Caledonia. He is now living at 105 Mitchell Avenue.

MAX BUSBY, CAPTAIN, entered the service in October 1942. He received his training at Camp Lee, and spent three years at the Port of Charleston, S.C. as the Commanding Officer of the 169th Quartermaster Truck Company. He has completed his law course but has not yet determined his place of residence. He is temporarily at 226 Confederate Avenue, Salisbury.

RICHARD LEVI BUSBY, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in May, 1942, and went overseas in September, 1943. He was in the

department of Ordinance Supply. He served in Plymouth, England, in Paris, and in Northern France. He has one Battle Star. He and his wife are temporarily at 418 N. Fulton St.

CLAUDE HENDERSON CASHWELL, TECHNICIAN, FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in January, 1943, and went overseas in March, 1944. He engaged in the campaigns in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon and Mindanao. He has four Battle Stars. He and his wife are living at 932 Lincolnton Rd.

MURRIEL F. CAUBLE, A.O.M. FIRST CLASS, entered the service April 10, 1942, and went overseas in July 1943, where he served 18 months on the U.S.S. Corregidor Aircraft Carrier. He saw service in the Gilberts, Marshalls, New Guinea, Guam, Saipan and Kavieng. He has three campaign ribbons and five battle stars. He and his wife are now at 192 N. Clay Street.

MAX ERWIN CLARK, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in April, 1944, and went overseas in February, 1945. He saw active service in France, Germany, Luzon and Japan. He has one Battle Star. He is now living at 805 S. Main St.

TOM MICHAEL CORNELISON, JR., PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in January, 1944, and went overseas in January, 1945. He served in the Rhineland and Central Europe and in the army of occupation in Austria and Germany. He has two Battle Stars and the Infantry Combat Medal. He will live at 523 S. Main Street.

THOMAS M. CRAWFORD, LT. COL., FIELD ARTILLERY, U.S. ARMY, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Crawford, 310 N. Main St., was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star for meritorious service in France during the period July 29, 1944 to August 1944. "... He demonstrated exceptional leadership ability, fearless initiative, untiring aggressiveness and outstanding determination in the performance of his duties. ..." (TLS)

WILLIAM FRANKLIN CROWELL, LIEUTENANT, USNR, entered the service in August, 1941, and went overseas in November, 1942. He was in the Navy Tanker Service in the Atlantic and Pacific. He commanded a Tanker in the Pacific for 18 months. He will live at 512 E. Bank St.

JAMES ALEXANDER CRUSE, CORPORAL, entered the service in October, 1942, and went overseas in December, 1944. He served in the Aircraft Maintenance department of the Army at San Bernardino Depot, Calif., Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, and in the Hawaiian Islands. He will live at 513 E. Bank Street.

FRANK T. DORSETT, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in August, 1942, and went overseas in July, 1944. During his overseas service he was in the Signal Corps, with his base of operations at New Delhi, India. He and his wife and child will live at 509 E. Innes Street.

CLYDE D. DRYE, CORPORAL, entered the service in February, 1943, and went overseas in June, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has five Battle Stars. He is under contract with the St. Louis American League baseball club and will play this summer at Toledo, Ohio.

GARDNER EMORY DUNHAM, JR., AVIATION CHIEF ORDINANCE MAN, enlisted in the Navy in 1934, and has spent over ten years in active service. During the war he served in Florida, the Fiji Islands, the New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, and Mundi. He has the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He is living temporarily at 417 S. Church St.

JAMES P. DUNHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Dunham of 417 S. Church St., entered the U.S. Navy in July 1945. (TLS)

KENNETH WILBURN EARNHARDT, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS, entered the service in May 1945. He was on his way to the Pacific but after getting to the Hawaiian Islands, he was returned home and given a discharge as he and Mrs. Earnhardt have four children. He has the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. They are now living at 211 Herring Court, Baltimore, Maryland.

RAY LESTER EARNHARDT, SERGEANT, entered the service in December 1942, and went overseas in August 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhine, and Central Europe. He has four Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the European Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife and child will live at 81 Kirk St.

JOHN ELLIOTT, CAPTAIN, entered the service in August 1942, as a First Lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of Captain in September, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Medical School, Washington, D.C., and engaged in research in blood and plasma and taught classes in the same field. He was also given special assignments in similar research at Harvard and in Cuba. He and Mrs. Elliott are temporarily at 618 S. Main Street. John, Jr., is in the Navy.

ROBERT BROWN FINK, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in September 1940. He served in the Signal Corps Service at Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Moultrie, S.C., and Gadsden, Ala. He has the American Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife are now living at 913 Griffin Ave., Gadsden, Ala.

ELLIS WOOD FISHER, LIEUTENANT, entered the service in November, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1943. He served on the Destroyer U.S.S. Preble and he saw service in New Georgia of the Solomons and also in the Marshalls. He has two Battle Stars and the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbons. He and his wife and child are now living at 213 West Thomas Street.

SMITH FOUSHEE, JR., PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in November, 1943, and has spent his service in medical schools at the University of North Carolina and at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he is now completing his fourth year of medical studies.

JOHN A. FOX, FIRST LIEUTENANT, entered the service in September 1942, and went overseas in February, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He has five Battle Stars and the European Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife will live at Hanover, Pa.

FLOYD ALEXANDER FRICK, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in September, 1943, and went overseas in June, 1944. He was in the campaigns in Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Germany. He and his wife are living at 402 Park Avenue.

STANFORD T. GARDNER, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, was inducted into the service December 5, 1942, and spent one year at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and 22 months at Fort Monmouth, N.J. He served as the Company Armorer in the 3190th Signal Service Company. He is now living at 210 W. Bank Street.

JOHN LEE GASKEY, AVIATION CHIEF MACHINIST MATE, entered the service December 15, 1941. He was in the department of Carrier Aircraft Service. At the end of the war he had served two and one-half months overseas at Pearl Harbor. He and his wife now live at 1205 S. Main Street.

THOMAS JESSE GASKEY, AVIATION MACHINIST MATE, COLOR SPECIALIST, THIRD CLASS, entered the service in August, 1942, and went overseas in May, 1943. His overseas service was spent at Angar and Pelli in the Air Service Maintenance Department. He will live at 116 S. Clay Street.

HAROLD VAN GLOVER, MOTOR MACHINIST MATE, THIRD CLASS, entered the service in October, 1944. He served as Small Craft Engineer at Bainbridge, Maryland, Gulfport, Miss., and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He and his wife and child are temporarily at the home of his parents on R.F.D. 5.

L. G. GOODMAN, JR., LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE, entered the service in July, 1943, and served as Ship Superintendent at the

Charleston Navy Yard for two years. He went overseas in August, 1945, and was at Samar and Manila. He has the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbons. He and his wife will live at 1126 Blair Street.

SIE CHENAULT GRAHAM, JR., PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1943. He participated in the campaigns at Naples and Rome, and the Rhineland. He has three Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Meritorious Service Award. He will live on the East Innes Extension.

GEORGE R. GRIFFIN, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service in November, 1943. The bases of his service were at Norfolk, Va., New London, Conn., and New York. He spent 12 months on the Atlantic on submarine patrol and convoy duty. He has the American Theatre of War Ribbon. He and his wife and child are now at 209 S. Fulton Street.

SAM L. HALL, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in February, 1942, and went overseas in July, 1942. He was in the Aleutians two years and then participated in the Okinawa conquest. He has two Battle Stars and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He will live at 424 Park Avenue.

FRANK R. HAND, AVIATION MACHINIST MATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in April, 1942. After special schooling in Chicago, Hollywood, Fla., and Burbank, Calif., he served 26 months at Lake City, Fla., and 8 months at Whidbey Island, Washington State. He has the American Theatre Medal. He and his wife and child are now living at 418 South Ellis Street.

MOZELLE HARTLEY, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in December, 1942, and went overseas in August, 1944. He engaged in the campaigns in Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has four Battle Stars. He and his wife will live at 60 Park Avenue.

FRANCIS NEWTON HAUSER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in April, 1943, and went overseas in July, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has three Battle Stars. He will live at 309 E. Bank Street.

FREDERICK MERRIFIELD HODGE, LIEUTENANT, USNR, entered the service in May, 1942, and went overseas in September, 1943. He served at Key West, Norfolk, and Boston, also on the Solomon Islands and the Philippines. He and his wife will live at Brownsville, Texas.

FLETCHER COUNCIL HODGES, SERGEANT, entered the service in August, 1942. He served at Neah Bay, Washington and Portland, Oregon. He was a Radio and Radar Technician. He is now at the home of his parents on R.F.D. 2.

BEN ROBERT HOLBROOKS, AVIATION BOSON MATE, FIRST CLASS, entered the service in July, 1942, and served in the United States and for one year on the U.S.S. Guadalcanal Aircraft Carrier in the Atlantic. He will live at 731 North Lee Street.

DWIGHT W. HOLSHOUSER, LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE, entered the service in May, 1943, and went overseas in February, 1944. He engaged in convoy escort service in the South Atlantic, South Pacific and Philippines. He has the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He and his wife and child will live at 115 S. Caldwell Street.

CHARLES HOWAN volunteered for service in the U. S. Marine Corps when he was only sixteen years old. He was on Guadalcanal and took part in the invasion of Guam. During the battle of Guam he was wounded and has spent six months in a hospital in the Hawaiian Islands. Charles was given a medical discharge and was then at home at 703 W. Innes St. (TLS)

ROBERT L. HOWAN, QUARTERMASTER THIRD CLASS, entered the service in November, 1942, and went overseas in November, 1943, and served on the USS Otterstetter. His ship was assigned to the Task Forces in the Atlantic for about 18 months and the remainder of his overseas service was in the Iwo Jima area. He and his wife now live at 712 North Fulton Street.

H. PITTS HUDSON, LIEUTENANT, USNR, entered the service in December, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1943. He was assigned to the USS Texas and made five convoy trips in the Atlantic, and participated in the action at Normandy, Cherbourg, Southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. He has four battle stars. He and his wife and daughter will live at 421 South Ellis Street.

DORRANCE WILLIAM JARRETT, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service in September, 1943, and served in the Pay and Supply Department of the Coast Guard. His entire service was spent at Houston, Texas. He and his wife and child will live in Milford Hills.

ROBERT THOMAS JULIAN, RADARMAN THIRD CLASS, entered the service in February, 1944, and went overseas in April, 1944. He served in the Mediterranean and North Atlantic areas. He has two battle stars. He will live at Jacksonville, N.C.

THOMAS NEIL JULIAN, CORPORAL, entered the service in June, 1943. He went overseas in January, 1945. He served in France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has two Battle Stars. He will live at 306 West Marsh Street.

CECIL THOMAS KESLER, WATERTENDER, FIRST CLASS, entered the service in April, 1940, and went overseas in June, 1940. He served

four year on the USS Tuscaloosa and two years on the USS Ticonderoga in the Atlantic and Pacific. He has three Battle Stars. He and his wife and child are living at 420 Wiley Avenue.

SAMUEL J. KESLER, LIEUTENANT, served in the Eighth Air Force as a pilot on a B-24 Liberator Bomber. He entered the service February 1, 1943, and went overseas in January, 1945. On his second mission his plane was shot down over Berlin. He was reported missing in action, but on April 2, was returned to the American Central Command in Italy. He and his wife are now at 429 Park Avenue.

ROBERT LEROY KLUTTZ, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service in December, 1943, and went overseas in April, 1944. He engaged in the campaigns in Luzon, Leyte, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Honshu and the Philippines. He has six Battle Stars. He will live at 612 South Main St.

DONALD EDWIN LEAZER, SONARMAN, THIRD CLASS, entered the service in January, 1943, and engaged in convoy and patrol service in the Atlantic and South Atlantic on the USS William D. Porter, DD579, The Saucy and the Garlies. He and his wife will live at 911 W. Cemetery St.

GRADY A. LENTZ, CORPORAL, entered the service April 17, 1942. He was a member of Gen. Hodges' Third Armored Division and served two years overseas. He participated in the battles of St. Lo and the Belgian Bulge. He has the Purple Heart Medal, five campaign stars, and his unit has the Presidential Citation. He is at home with his parents at 517 Lincolnton Road.

HENRY CLAY LENTZ, 3RD, STOREKEEPER THIRD CLASS, entered the service in March, 1945. He received his training at Bainbridge, Md., and Great Lakes, Ill. He spent the remainder of his service at Naval Air Stations in Memphis, Tenn., Clinton, Okla., and Houma, La. He will enter Catawba College this fall and will live with his parents at 1014 Scales Street.

WILLIAM PRICE LENTZ, son of Mrs. V. P. Lentz, 228 N. Long St., was discharged from the U.S. Army in July 1945. He had served for thirty months, stationed at Fort Casey in Washington State. (TLS)

CHARLES EDWARD LEONARD, MASTER SERGEANT, entered the service October 28, 1942, and went overseas January 19, 1944. He served in Italy with the Fifteenth Air Force, and had 51 missions over Europe. He has the Air Medal with three clusters and the European Ribbon with five battle stars. He and his wife are now at 305 N. Ellis Street.

CHARLES W. (BILL) LEONARD, T-SGT. U.S. ARMY, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Leonard, 202 W. Bank St., was discharged in September

1945 with a total of 108 service points. Bill wears the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four battle stars, the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with two stars, and the Bronze Arrowhead awarded for leading assault landings under fire. As construction foreman in the 592nd engineer boat and shore regiment, he was in charge of many projects such as the repair of dock installations, which were completed while under enemy fire. Pioneers in amphibious warfare in the Pacific, his outfit had a total of thirty-four combat landings to their credit. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for acting in the capacity of a commissioned officer in an emergency. "Under the direction of the North Carolina sergeant six miles of double lane, coral surfaced road was completed in twelve days" on White Beach, which was used for the Lingayen gulf landing on D-Day. He entered the service in September 1940. (TLS)

JOSEPH THOMAS LEONARD, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in January, 1943, and went overseas in March, 1945. His service was in the Troop Carrier Command in England, France and Germany. He and his wife will live temporarily at 710 Fourth Street, Spencer, N.C.

SAMUEL FRANKLIN LEONARD, SERGEANT, entered the service in October, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1945. His entire foreign service was spent in England where he served in the Eighth Air Force. He has one Battle Star. He will live at 115 North Caldwell Street.

MISS JOSEPHINE LINN, FIRST LIEUTENANT, entered the service in April, 1943. She served as Hospital Dietitian for two years at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for four months in the Hawaiian Islands, and for two months in Osaka, Japan. She went overseas in May, 1945. She will live at 418 W. Innes Street.

HARRY SAMUEL LIVENGOOD, CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT, entered the service in November, 1943. He served at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and at the San Diego Naval Training Center. He served in the office interviewing and as the organist and choir director at North Chapel at San Diego. Often he officiated at four services each Sunday. We heartily welcome him back as our organist and choir director. He and his family will live at 318 South Lee Street.

RICHARD A. LUDWIG, RADIOMAN THIRD CLASS, entered the service in March, 1944, and went overseas in January, 1945. His foreign service was spent at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, and North Africa. He will live at 117 N. Shaver Street.

BAKER C. LYERLY, AEROGRAPHERS MATE, SECOND CLASS, entered the service in April, 1944, and went overseas in January, 1945. He served at Guam, Saipan, Manila and Okinawa. He has one Battle Star. He and his wife and child will live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

JOSEPH EDWARD LYERLY, CAPTAIN, entered the service in June, 1942, and went overseas in December, 1944. He served in England, France, Belgium, Germany and the Philippines. He has two Battle Stars. He and his wife are temporarily at 722 N. Main St.

GIDEON LEE LYNCH, AVIATION STORE KEEPER, SECOND CLASS, entered the service in January, 1944, and after training at Bainbridge, Maryland, he served at the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Va., and at the Naval Technical Training Center at Jacksonville, Fla. He and his wife and child will live at 1020 Highland Avenue.

JOHN C. MARLEY, PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS, entered the service in November, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944. He was engaged in the manufacturing and transporting of oxygen gas from India to Burma and China. He has one Battle Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife and daughter live at 118 South Long Street.

HENRY HAYWOOD MILLER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in April, 1944, and went overseas in January, 1945. He participated in the campaigns in Central Europe and the Rhineland. He has two Battle Stars. He and his wife and children will live at 514 W. Innes St.

ROBERT LUTHER MILLER, TECHNICIAN, FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in August, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944. He participated in the actions at Rome-Arno, the Appenines, and the Po Valley. He has three Battle Stars. He and his wife will live at 207 E. Bank Street.

ULRICH RAY MILLER, JR., SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service in August, 1945, and served at Curtis Bay, Maryland, Philadelphia, Pa., and Washington, D.C. He is now living at 319 West Thomas Street and plans to enter college this fall, preferably Duke University.

FRED L. MISENHEIMER, STAFF SERGEANT, was inducted July 23, 1941. He served as the Engineering and Operation Clerk of the 15th Air Force at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and since January, 1945, in overseas service. He has four battle stars and his unit the Presidential Citation. He is now living at 829 E. Innes Street.

HARRY GORMAN MISENHEIMER, JR., GUNNERY SERGEANT, entered the service in January, 1943, and went overseas in July, 1945. He served at Pearl Harbor, Guam, and China in the Intelligence Service of the Infantry. He and his wife and child are living at 1816 South First Street.

BOB LEE MOWERY, SECOND LIEUTENANT, entered the service in June, 1942, and served five months in the Aleutians. He also served

at Fort Sill, Okla., and Camp Wheeler, Ga., as instructor in infantry training. He and his wife are living at 415 E. Fisher Street.

C. LEO MYERS, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service June 6, 1942. He went overseas in July, 1943, and was in England until July, 1945, as Mechanic of the 8th Air Force. He spent two months with the occupation forces in Germany. He has six battle stars and his unit the Presidential Citation. He is now living at 915 W. Cemetery Street.

A. GREGORY PEELER, LIEUTENANT, USNR, entered the service in January, 1944. He received his training in Boston, Mass., and was assigned for active service at Bainbridge, Maryland, where he was manager of the bakery and mess halls which served 40,000 Navy men. He has the American Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife and children live at 430 S. Fulton Street.

JACK ERVIN PEELER, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in October, 1943, and went overseas in April, 1944. He saw action in the campaigns at Rome-Arno River, the Appenines, and the Po Valley. He has three Battle Stars. He will live at 510 E. Council Street.

JAMES CLYDE PEELER, SERGEANT, entered the service in July, 1942, and served as an instructor in gunnery schools at Salt Lake City, Utah and at Sioux City, South Dakota. He assisted in the transportation of one plane load of atomic bombs from America to the Pacific war area. He and his wife and child will live at Kannapolis.

JOHN D. PEELER, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the armed service in March, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1942. He saw service at the Aleutians, Leyte, Kwajalein, and Okinawa. He has four battle stars, the Philippine Ribbon and the Bronze Arrowhead. He was a member of the 24th Corps, 10th Army. He is now at the home of his parents, 613 E. Innes Street.

JOSEPH WOODROW PEELER, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in January, 1943. He served as a steward in the Army Medical Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia, for two years and then until his discharge, at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. He and his wife are living temporarily at 208 West Lafayette Street.

LEWIS A. PEELER, LIEUTENANT, entered the service in August, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1944. He served at Pearl Harbor and participated in the actions at Leyte and Samar in the Philippines. He has one Battle Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He and his wife are now living at 607 Mitchell Avenue.

ROBERT L. PEELER, SERGEANT, entered the service in September, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1944. He served with the 43rd Marine Bombing Squadron. He was a gunner on a B-25 Mitchell Bomber. His overseas service was in the area of Babaul and New Ireland. He has 51 missions to his credit. He is now at the home of his parents, 613 E. Innes Street.

EMMETT EUGENE PETREA, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in November, 1943, and went overseas in June, 1944. He served in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon and Japan. He has three Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He will live at 401 Park Avenue.

JOHN A. PLYLER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in February, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has five Battle Stars. He will live at 905 E. Innes Street.

LEX LEVERNE PLYLER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in August, 1943. He participated in campaigns in Normandy, the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Germany. He has four battle stars, the Bronze Arrowhead, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is now living on Route 1, Salisbury.

M. J. PLYLER, TECHNICIAN ARMY AIR CORPS RESERVE, entered the service in December, 1942, and served at Camden, S.C. and Miami, Florida. He and his wife will live in Miami.

CHARLES CLAYTON POOLE, JR., TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, entered the service in July, 1944, and gave all his service at Fort McClellan, Alabama, as assistant foreman in the Training Aids Reproduction Shop. He and his wife are living at 310 E. Innes Street.

D. D. POPE, JR., AVIATION ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN MATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in March 1943. He served over two years as an instructor in Radar at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas. He and his wife will live at 115 N. Caldwell St.

OSBORNE FLAKE RANKIN, AVIATION MACHINIST MATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in September, 1942. He spent 28 months at Pensacola, Florida, in the maintenance of training planes, and six months at the Advance Base Aviation Training Unit, at St. Louis, Missouri. He is now living at 306 West Henderson Street.

WILLIAM B. RANKIN, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, entered the service in January 1942. He received his cadet training and also served as Instrument Instructor at Pensacola, Florida, and then spent 15 months as Instructor at the Instrument Flight Instruction School at Atlanta,

Ga. He is now at 306 West Henderson Street, but will soon enter Appalachian College to complete his education.

JOHN THOMAS RENDLEMAN, TECHNICIAN THIRD GRADE, entered the service in May 1943, and went overseas in October 1943. He participated in the engagements on Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. He has two Battle Stars and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife will live in Chapel Hill where he will attend the University Law School.

PAUL BERNHARDT REYNOLDS, LIEUTENANT, USNR, entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in January, 1944. His overseas service was in the Hawaiian Islands as an Engineering Officer in Aviation. He and his wife will live at 129 South Ellis Street.

CHARLES ALEXANDER RENDLEMAN, SERGEANT, entered the service in April, 1943, and went overseas in January, 1945. He served in the Army Air Corps in the Hawaiian Islands and in Okinawa. He is now living with his parents at the Country Club and will enter college at a later date.

J. BRUCE RIDENHOUR, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service October, 1942, and went overseas in October, 1943. He was with the Topographical Engineers Battalion making maps and mapping invasions in the Pacific Theatre. He was stationed in Honolulu, Saipan and Guam and has the Presidential Unit Citation. He and his wife will live temporarily at Granite Quarry.

CLAUDE ALEXANDER RITCHIE, GUNNER'S MATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in August 1940. He had four years overseas duty in the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean and has five battle stars. He is now at the home of his parents, 712 E. Liberty St., but has re-enlisted for further naval service.

CLYDE MURPHY RITCHIE, T/4 U.S. ARMY, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ritchie, 711 East Liberty St., was the first St. John's member to receive discharge from military service through the point system with a total of 102 points. (TLS) [See page 260 of Volume I, St. John's History.]

CARL PEELER ROSEMAN, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in March 1942. He went overseas in May 1942. He served 18 months in America and 18 months in Greenland, then went to Okinawa and Korea. He has one Battle Star, the American, European and Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbons. He will live at 812 E. Innes St.

FRED SYLVESTER ROSEMAN, JR., TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in April, 1944. He went overseas in September, 1945, and served in the European Theatre for eleven months. The remainder

of his service was spent at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He has three Battle Stars. He and his wife will live in Washington.

PAUL M. ROSEMAN, LIEUTENANT, U.S. ARMY, was discharged in August 1945, with a total of 148 points. He had been a member of the 17th Bomb group which in 1944, led the entire air force in bombing accuracy. He was awarded the air medal with many Oak Leaf clusters, three battle stars on the European Theater Ribbon for participation in raids on Italy, France and Germany. He had two citations for being a member of the 17th group, the Croix de Guerre, avec palm, and the Presidential Unit Citation. The Croix de Guerre was presented to the unit by General de Gaulle. Lt. Roseman, his wife and baby, are with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Roseman at 812 E. Innes St. (TLS)

FRED COUNCIL RUFTY, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in June, 1943, and went overseas in February, 1944. He participated in the Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland Campaigns. He has three Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Award and the Croix de Guerre with Palm. He and his wife are living at 221 S. Long Street.

ARCHIBALD C. RUFTY, CAPTAIN, entered the army in March 1942; basic training with the Field artillery at Ft. Sills, Okla., where he received his Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in July 1943; re-assigned to the counterintelligence corps and sent to Omaha, Nebraska; three months later was sent to Washington, D.C., and was promoted to first Lieutenant in July 1944; received captaincy in May 1945; placed on inactive duty in September 1945. He and his wife and son were to make their home at 600 Park Ave., the former home of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rufty. Archie began his law practice on the second floor of the law building. (TLS)

OLIVER JAMES RUFTY, SERGEANT, entered the service in April, 1944, and went overseas in March, 1945. He served for fourteen months in the Quartermaster Depot at Manila, the largest in the S.W. Pacific. He has two battle stars. He and his wife are living at 421 North Long Street.

JOHN F. RUSSELL, JR., LIEUTENANT, entered the service in April, 1943. After his training period, he saw active service in America and then served in Brazil for five months. He was the Pilot of a C-47 Transport Plane. He has the American and the European Theatre Ribbons. He will live at the home of his parents, 531 East Fisher Street.

JAMES MONROE SAFRIT, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in April, 1944, and went overseas in February, 1945. He served in the Railway Transportation Corps in the Philippines and in Korea. He has two Battle Stars. He and his wife will live at 932 Lincolnton Road.

ODELL SAPP, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, USNR, entered the service in August, 1942, and served in the Naval Air Primary Training Command. He went overseas in October, 1944, and served in the Naval Air Transport Service in the Admiralties, New Guinea, Marshalls and the Philippines. He is now at home with his wife and two children at 314 W. Marsh Street.

JOSEPH SEAWELL, JR., FIRST LIEUTENANT, entered the service in July, 1942, and went overseas in July, 1943. He served in the Hawaiians, Marshalls and Gilberts and participated in the invasion of Kwajalein. He has one battle star, the Pacific Ribbon, and a Unit Citation. He and his wife are temporarily at 412 Mitchell Avenue.

JAMES D. SHOAF. (His record is not available as he began and completed his service as a non-resident member.)

THOMAS MILTON SHOAF, JR., CHIEF ATHLETIC SPECIALIST, entered the service in September 1942. All of his service was given in Florida, at Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, and Miami as an athletic specialist. He will soon enter the Southern College of Optometry at Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Shoaf will accompany him.

WILLIAM WALTER SHOAF. (Non resident and record not available.)

GEORGE DAVID SHOE, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, entered the service in September, 1942. He entered school at Grove City, Pa., and Corpus Christi, Texas. His entire service was spent in the maintenance of Radar beacons at Cherry Point, N.C. He is living at 618 East Innes Street.

LOIS ELIZABETH SHOE, SECOND LIEUTENANT, ARMY NURSE CORPS, entered the service in March, 1945. She served as a nurse in hospitals at Maxwell Field, Ala., Columbus Air Field, Miss., and Smyrna Air Field, Tenn. She is now living at 618 East Innes Street.

KERMIT ALEXANDER SHUMAKER, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service in July, 1943, and went overseas in November, 1943. He served in the Hawaiian, the Marshalls and the Marianas Islands. He has two Battle Stars. He will live at 218 South Long Street.

WARREN A. SHUPING, COLONEL, has the unique distinction of being called by the War Department from the Fairchild Aircraft Company, Hagerstown, Maryland, where he had held a responsible position for many years, to head the Aircraft Production Board with the rank of Colonel. He spent three months on an inspection tour over most of the European countries. He lives with his wife and child at Hagerstown, Md.

FRANK BROWN SLOOP, AVIATION MACHINIST MATE THIRD CLASS, entered the service in November 1943, and went overseas in September 1944. He served at the Naval Air Station at Kaneohe Bay,

Hawaiian Islands until he was discharged. He has the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife and child will live at 723 Maupin Ave.

CHARLES M. SMITH, SERGEANT, entered the service December 1, 1941, and went overseas in May, 1943, and served with the 101st Signal Battalion. He served in the Marshalls, at Saipan, Leyte, Palaus, Polieu, and Okinawa. He has five battle stars and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He and his wife are now at 718 S. Ellis Street.

JULIAN CRESS SMITH, TECHNICIAN, FIFTH GRADE, entered the service in January, 1943, and went overseas in July, 1943. His entire overseas service was spent in the Aleutians, on the Island of Adak. He has one Battle Star. He and his wife will live at 125 Military Avenue.

PAUL SANDERS SMITH, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS, entered the service in February, 1945, and went overseas in June, 1945. He served at Gitmo Bay, Cuba, the Naval Air Station at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and on the USS Flushing. He will live at 118 South Clay Street.

WILSON L. SMITH, CAPTAIN, entered the service July 23, 1941, and went overseas August 7, 1943, and served with the 9th Air Force. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhine and Central Europe. He has five battle stars, Bronze Star Medal, and the Unit Citation. He and his wife are now at 123 Military Avenue.

ARNOLD H. SNIDER, JR., LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, entered the service in August, 1942, and went overseas in April, 1943. He participated in the actions at Marcus and Wake Islands, the Marshalls, the Gilberts, Rabaul, Turk and Saipan. He has five Battle Stars, and the American and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbons. He and his wife and their twin sons are living at 315 W. Horah Street.

WILLIAM DAVIS SNIDER, SECOND LIEUTENANT, entered the service in December, 1942, and went overseas in September, 1943. He spent his entire overseas service in the Signal Communication and Supply Department in Assam, in the India-Burma Theatre. He is living at 410 Mocksville Avenue.

CHARLES W. SOMERS, JR., LIEUTENANT COLONEL in the Marine Air Corps, son of Mrs. C. W. Somers, 502 W. Cemetery St. At the outbreak of the war he was an instructor and since the very beginning of the war has been in active service in the South Pacific where he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. (TLS) In March 1946, he was awaiting reassignment.

OSWALD MARVIN SOWERS, PHARMACIST MATE, FIRST CLASS, entered the service in April, 1943, and went overseas in January, 1945. He saw service in the Hawaiian Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

He has two Battle Stars. He is living at 231 W. Eleventh Street and plans to enter college later.

MISS EDITH WINONA STOESSEL, YEOMAN, SECOND CLASS, entered the service in December, 1943. She was in the office force of the Naval Maintenance Service and served in New York, N. Y., Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Norfolk, Virginia. She will live at 805 E. Innes Street.

FRANK W. STOESSEL, MAJOR, had been with the National Guard since 1927, and was Mobilized in 1940. After eighteen months at Fort Jackson he spent two years as a member of the staff and faculty at the Engineers School at Belvoir, Va., and another year at the same place in the Engineers Replacement Training Center. He was promoted to 1st Lt. in 1941; to Captain in 1942; and to Major in 1942. He and his family lived at 521 W. Horah Street in September 1945. (TLS)

WILLIAM MICHAEL STOESSEL, JR., C.M.M., U.S. NAVY, had been in service for ten years in February 1946, and expected to continue his career with the navy. (TLS)

WILLIAM ALEX SWING. (Non resident and record not available.)

JOE T. TAYLOR, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, entered the service in January, 1943, and has given two years and nine months to the U.S. Navy. He had brief service with the Naval Air Transport Command at Norfolk, Va., and then went to the Naval Air Station at Patuxent, Maryland. His duties took him to various foreign ports as Radio Operator. He and his wife and child will live in Newport News, Va.

KATHERINE H. TAYLOR, LIEUTENANT, WAVE, received her Navy Training at Smith College and at Portsmouth. Since June of this year she has been head of the Education Division of the Training School at Great Lakes, Illinois. She will return in January as Professor of French at Women's College, U.N.C., where she was given leave of absence to enter the service during the war.

TAIALFERRO HOLMES TAYLOR, SERGEANT, entered the service in September, 1942, and served in the Payroll Department of the Army Air Base at Salt Lake City, at the Lincoln Army Airfield, Nebraska, and at Stewart Field at West Point Military Academy. He will live at 322 South Main Street.

CARL GRAEBER TALBERT, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in November, 1942, and went overseas in September, 1944. He engaged in the campaigns in the Rhineland, the Ardennes, and Central Europe. He has three Battle Stars. He and his wife and child will live in New York City.

JOHN CAPPS THOMAS, LIEUTENANT, USNR, entered the service in February, 1942, and went overseas in October, 1943. He saw service

in the Aleutians, Esprilo Santo and Luzon. He has three campaign stars. He and his wife are now living at 530 West Innes Street.

CORUM NED TREXLER, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in June, 1944, and was assigned to the Infantry Division of the Army. He served 14 months at Camp Blanding, Fla., where he supervised, directed and was responsible for the training of enlisted men in a rifle platoon of the 63rd Regiment. He and his wife are living at 807 E. Henderson Street.

HAROLD DUNHAM TREXLER, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in December 1942. He served at Robbins Field, Ga., Camp Pinedale, Cal., and Ontario, Canada. He has the American Theatre Ribbon. He and Mrs. Trexler will live at 801 Long Street, Spencer.

JAMES WILLIAM TREXLER, ELECTRICIAN THIRD CLASS, entered the service in June, 1944, and went overseas in July, 1945. His Naval service took him to Guam, Japan, Korea, China and Formosa. He has one Battle Star for the campaign in Japan. He and his wife and two children will live at 111 Maupin Avenue.

WILLIAM REID TREXLER, AVIATION MACHINIST FIRST CLASS, entered the service in August 1943, and went overseas in April 1944. He served in the New Hebrides Islands. He has the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He will live at 708 E. Council St.

MURRAY F. TYSINGER, STAFF SERGEANT, entered the service in April, 1944, and went overseas in November, 1944. He participated in the campaigns in the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Germany. He has three Battle Stars and the European Theatre Ribbon. He and his wife and son are living at 416 North Main Street.

EDWIN VAN POOLE, PRIVATE, entered the service just eight months ago in March 1945, and received training at Sheppard Field, Texas and at Lowery Field, Denver, Colorado. He was being trained as a Photographic Laboratory Technician of the Army Air Corps. He is now at the home of his parents, 429 West Horah St., and will resume his studies at Catawba College.

THOMAS BENNETT VAN POOLE, JR., LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE, entered the service in July, 1944. He served at Princeton University, Massachusetts School of Technology, and the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. He is now living in Washington.

GILMER YOUNG WAGGONER, HOSPITAL APPRENTICE SECOND CLASS, entered the service in March, 1945, and went overseas in October, 1945. He served at Pearl Harbor and Guam and also saw sea duty. He served as a Radar operator. He is now living at 628 W. Council Street and is attending Catawba College.

BILLY A. WAGONER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wagoner, of 603 E. Liberty St. was in the Navy in February 1946. (TLS)

LEE VAN WAGONER, AVIATION MACHINIST MATE, THIRD CLASS, entered the service in February, 1944. He served this entire period at the Naval Air Station at Lake City, Florida. He and his wife and child will live at 603 E. Liberty Street.

RAYMOND H. WAGONER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, entered the service in March, 1942, and was sent overseas in December, 1943. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Germany. He has four battle stars. He and his wife and child will live at 503 East Cemetery Street.

AUGUSTUS F. WANSLEY, JR., M-SGT., entered the service July 16, 1940, and of these 62 months, 51 of them were in overseas service at Panama, New Guinea, Guam, Leyte and Manila. He has three battle stars. He and his wife and child are now at 725 Mitchell Avenue, the home of his parents.

WILLIAM COBB WANSLEY, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service in December, 1943. He served in Naval Air stations at Vero Beach, Florida and at Kingsville, Texas. He also went overseas for seven months service in China. He will live at 725 Mitchell Avenue.

PERRY ERNEST WEANT, JR., CHIEF YOEMAN, USNR, entered the service in July 1942 and went overseas in January 1943. With the 49th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion he served 13 months in Bermuda and 14 months in Guam. He has the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbons. He and his wife and child will live at 3103 Wesley Avenue, Charlotte, N.C.

EDWARD LAMONT WEBER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, entered the service in May, 1943, and went overseas in December, 1943. He engaged in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He has four Battle Stars and the Meritorious Service Award. He and his wife and children are temporarily at 109 Mitchell Ave.

WARREN R. WILSON, RADIOMAN FIRST CLASS, entered the service June, 1942, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He served on the Submarine Chaser 689 off Greenland for 18 months, and on the Cutter Hermes off the coast of California for 12 months. He and his wife are now at 609 W. Cemetery Street.

ROBERT BLACKWELL WOLFF, FIRST LIEUTENANT, entered the service in September 1940 and went overseas in May 1945. He served at Okinawa and in the Philippines. He has two battle stars. He will live at the home of his mother, 127 E. Henderson St.

WILLIAM LAFAYETTE WOLFF, JR., CORPORAL, entered the service in June, 1944. After his training period, his service was rendered at Camp Beale, California, as Company Clerk in the Personnel Replacement Depot. He and his wife and child will live at 309 Heilig Street, East Spencer.

WALLACE WAYNE WYATT, SIGNALMAN SECOND CLASS, entered the service in September, 1944, and went overseas in March 1945. He served nine months in the Hawaiians and seven months in the Philippines. He was in the USS Landing Craft Infantry. He will live at 412 Mitchell Ave., and will go to school.

APPENDIX E

PARISH RECORDS

by George R. Whittecar

Introduction

The following review of records and pastoral acts in St. John's history was written by the Rev. Dr. George R. Whittecar, retired North Carolina Synod president and member of the 1983 history committee.

Parish records for the early years of the life of St. John's church are non-existent. In the pioneering days of the 18th Century, from the time of the first gatherings of Lutherans for worship in Salisbury, such records as were kept were primarily notes made by individual pastors. At first, most of those men ministered to widely scattered individuals and families, traveling from neighborhood to neighborhood to visit mostly German settlers. They usually kept records of the times and places they preached, the communion services they conducted, the baptisms they administered, and the burial services they performed. Gradually congregations came into being and pastors settled down to minister to established groups of people. But the records they kept were, for the most part, their personal notations, and rather than being retained as property of the congregations, they were passed along with the pastors' personal effects and eventually were lost or destroyed.

With the organization of the North Carolina synod in 1803, annual reports of pastors showing statistics of their pastoral acts began to appear in print.¹ These were reports not of congregations, but of pastors who frequently served more than one congregation at a time. The statistics for all congregations in a pastoral charge were merged in the pastors' tabulations, so it is not possible to discern from them what belonged to St. John's or any other one congregation.

Obviously, the keeping of church records did not have a high priority for St. John's pastors during the first century-and-a-half of its life. There was no uniformity from pastorate to pastorate in the items recorded; some pastors were meticulous, others rather careless. Sometimes there were long gaps in the listings, one of 20 years for 1865 to 1884 when no entries at all were made in the parish register, and another 10-year period from 1896 to 1906. But as time went on, it became desirable to identify members as being "in good standing," and participation in the Holy Communion came to be a point of qualification, record keeping

grew in importance. When the United Lutheran Church in America came into being in 1918, standardized parish registers were developed as sources of accurate church statistics. At the same time, responsibility for keeping records for the congregations was laid on the parish pastors by constitutional requirement. This provision is in the constitution of St. John's church.²

For many years pastors deemed it sufficient to keep records of the baptisms they performed, and such listings of baptized children became, for practical purposes, the rolls of non-confirmed members. But families come and go, and it became desirable for congregations to maintain child membership rolls to list all baptized persons below the usual age for confirmation (or affirmation of their baptism) who had not been transferred to the roll of confirmed members, transferred to other congregations or removed by death. A child membership roll for St. John's church was first entered into the Parish Register in 1954.

The printing of summaries of membership statistics for the congregations in the official records of the North Carolina Synod and its predecessor organizations has long been standard practice. St. John's membership statistics can be traced in such records.³

The parish registers for St. John's church were started in the mid-1850's. The earliest extant register for St. John's church is a small cardboard-bound "Church Record Book 1856-1860."⁴ This is kept in the archives of the North Carolina synod. There are four additional registers that are kept in the safe at the church. The earliest is marked "Church Register 1854-1915." The period that it covers overlaps the period covered by the "Church Record Book 1856-1860," but the contents are not duplicated.

Brief as the little 1856 volume is, it contains some significant historical notes. There are about three lines devoted to the dedication of "the New Evangelical Lutheran Church, May 25, 1857, by the name of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church."⁵ The location is not mentioned, nor is there any further description of the building.

Also reference is made in this volume to the beginning of the pastorate of L. C. Groseclose on Oct. 1, 1856, the charge being known as "Salisbury and Union." There had been no stated pastor for four-and-a-half years. The pastor noted: "The congregation was in a scattered condition; its prospects were gloomy; few attended preaching the first four months. On 6 of Feb. 1857 I commenced a protracted meeting which continued until the 24 of the same month. The Lord visited his people with the out pouring of the Holy Spirit and between 80 and 90 persons professed conversion."⁶

After the first five pages, the greater part of the book is empty, until the last page where the following notation appears: "During the revival of Feb. 1857 a door for colored members was opened, Thomas

Southerly presented himself and was received by confirmation." Other notations relative to confirmation, baptisms and dismissals follow.

Things were not so encouraging three years later when the pastor entered this notation: "During the month of February I held my annual protracted meeting but without any particular tokens of the special divine presence; so that after several days and nights preaching the meetings closed without any additions to the church. March 1861."

And there follows this pathetic notation dated Dec. 30, 1861: "I held a meeting including the second Sabbath in Dec. which had to be closed on Tuesday night for want of help and personal afflictions. No special manifestations of God's presence was manifested. Owing to the war, general religious declension and a spirit of careless worldliness, none were converted and none added to the church. I expect this will be the last protracted meeting I ever will hold in Salisbury. I may continue preaching here until spring, but for want of a sufficient support for my family, I shall be compelled to resign my charge. The war and other things will, I fear, make sad havoc, if they do not exterminate Lutheranism in this town. For five years I have labored and toiled day and night to build up the church here, but for want of proper sympathy and active cooperation of church members I am compelled to leave the church, in the perilous time, in a worse state than I found it. But I can't help it. May God have mercy on this people, L. C. Groseclose, pastor."⁷

The second book,⁸ also was started by Pastor L. C. Groseclose. (His name appears in the list of the pastors of St. John's church in the third volume⁹ as having served from 1856 to 1865.) This shows that the pastor lived through his discouragement in 1860 and continued at St. John's church through the war years until 1865. The list of baptisms in the late 1850's and early 1860's confirms the discouraging conditions referred to in the earlier volume; only one or two baptisms were recorded in each of several years; none from 1861 to 1865. However, in 1866 the number of baptisms began to increase.

The list of baptisms was carefully maintained by the Rev. William Stoudenmire, 1884-1886, and the Rev. Charles B. King, 1886-1896. The Rev. L. E. Busby, D.D., 1896-1902, and the Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., 1902-1906, must have kept their records of baptisms for themselves; at any rate they did not enter them into the congregation's register. The listing was resumed in 1906 by the Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D., and was continued in this volume until 1915.

The second volume was used also for the recording of marriages performed by the pastors, one in 1865, 12 by the Rev. J. G. Neiffer from 1871 to 1874. There was one marriage in 1876. From 1878 through 1906 entries of marriages were made regularly by Pastors Busby, King,

and Wilson. Burial services, likewise were recorded rather consistently in these years.

Pastor Nieffer recorded attendance at communion services; the Rev. T. W. Dosh, 1876-1877, entered records of confirmations.

The third Parish Register began with the pastorate of the Rev. M. M. Kinard, September 1, 1906. This contains names of the pastors of St. John's church from Pastor Nussman, 1773, through Pastor Stirewalt, 1938.

It also contains brief summaries of the pastorates of Pastor Kinard, 1906-1920, Pastor Edward Fulenwider, 1920-1930, and Pastor Martin Luther Stirewalt, D.D., 1930-1938. There is, in addition, a listing of church officers for the period from 1906 to 1929, and a roll of church members, including names, modes and dates of reception and removal from the roll from 1920 to 1937. Occasional notes about particular members were added, such as, lapsed, dropped, joined Baptist church, name dropped. Infants baptized from Dec. 23, 1906, to May 24, 1939, were listed.

Both the second and third volumes are in a good state of preservation.

In 1940, St. John's church acquired the official parish register recommended by the U.L.C.A. and began its use. This provided space for eleven categories of official records, as well as a page of annual summaries and pages to record historical events. Entries were made as follows:

- I - Charter, Constitution and By-Laws—A printed copy of these documents was pasted in.
- II - Pastors—This section was not used.
- III - Church Council—Members of the council from 1940 to 1951 were listed.
- IV - Other Officers—This section was not used.
- V - Roll of Members—This refers to those commonly known as "confirmed members." There are columns for listing, for each person, a number, whether the person is presently on the roll; the name, when, how, and whence the person was received; when, how and whence the person was removed from the roll. The original listing was in alphabetical order, numbered 1 to 1039; then names were added in the order received with each person being given a register number that reached 1768 on Feb. 8, 1949.
- VI - Roll of Child Members—This section was not used.
- VII - Record of Communion—This record began on June 25, 1939. Names were first entered alphabetically, then added in general, although not exact, alphabetical order. The last entry was Jan. 16, 1949. On page 203 there is a summary of attendance at communions, as well as a compilation of members who had been

at communion at least once during each of nine years, 1940-1948. The largest attendance at a single service in those years was 745, October 17, 1948; the highest record of communing members in one year was 1013 in 1946.

- VIII - Record of Baptisms—Each person baptized was listed by number, whether child or adult, and in the order of the dates of occurrence. Included was the Christian name, the surname, date and place of birth, date and place of baptism, place of residence, parents' names and whether the parents were members of the congregation, names of sponsors, if other than the parents. These entries were from 1 to 360, the first being made August 16, 1939, and the last April 14, 1946.
- IX - Confirmations—These were listed by number, name, dates of birth, baptism and confirmation, and the parents' names. They were numbered from 1 to 214 and dated from Oct. 8, 1939, to Aug. 4, 1948.
- X - Marriages—These were listed by number from 1 to 105, June 17, 1939, to April 11, 1949. Included were names, date, place, place of residence of each, age, and whether or not each party was a member of the congregation. There is also space for names of witnesses and reference to the marriage license, which columns were not used.
- XI - Funerals—There were 153 entries here, including number, whether the individual was child or adult and a member of the congregation; the name, date of death, age, date and place of burial, and remarks. This listing began June 29, 1939, and went to May 31, 1959.

No entries were made under summaries or historical events.

This register is in a very good state of preservation.

In 1953 a new loose-leaf binder for the Parish Register was put to use at St. John's. It has movable pages that provide space for the constitution of the congregation, listings of pastors, members of the church council, roll of confirmed members, roll of child members, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals, communions, statistical summaries, and historical events. With the convenience of removing pages as they become filled and replacing them with new pages, this register has come to be a continuing record in an increasing number of volumes. It is titled "Parish Register." There are two well-filled binders and a third one containing an over-flow of the records of communions.

Copies of recent annual parochial reports to the North Carolina Synod, are on file in the church office. These reports are printed in the annual Proceedings of the North Carolina Synod and, in part, in the annual Yearbook of the Lutheran Church in America. The 1983 parochial report¹⁰ shows the following for St. John's church:

Baptized members	1273
Confirmed members	920
Contributing, Communing, Confirmed members	879
Communing Confirmed members	779
Communing unconfirmed members	53
Average attendance	416
Sunday church school leaders	40
Sunday church school pupils	379
Regular giving	\$386,097
Total giving	\$413,785
Current Operating expense	\$283,919
Regular benevolence assigned	\$57,528
Regular benevolence paid	\$58,728
Other benevolence	\$21,592
Total expense	\$388,851
Total assets	\$3,488,907
Total indebtedness	\$67,500

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APPENDIX F

PASTORAL DEFINITIONS

The word *pastor* comes from the Latin word meaning “shepherd.” Thus etymological and metaphorically the pastor at St. John’s is shepherd of his flock, the congregation. As the minister in charge of the church or parish, the pastor is the spiritual leader and overseer of the congregation.

The terms *co-pastor* and *team pastor*, as used at St. John’s, are synonymous and indicative of more than one pastor sharing equal authority and responsibility with another (or others).

An *associate pastor* is one who is called to work closely with the pastor without bearing equal responsibility with the pastor.

An *assistant pastor* is one called to aid the pastor in ministering to the congregation. He may eventually be promoted to associate pastor.

An *interim pastor* is one who, in a temporary arrangement by contract not call, ministers to the congregation when the congregation is without a pastor.

The term *vice-pastor* designates a neighboring pastor or a retired pastor appointed by the synodical bishop to serve temporarily as interim pastor and overseer of the congregation when the congregation is without a regular pastor. He is not obligated to preach unless it is convenient for him to do so.

A *supply pastor* is one who is assigned or invited to preach—“to fill the pulpit”—in the absence of a pastor.

Two articles from the archives at St. John’s provide perspectives on the pastor and his role as viewed by two writers in the first and final quarters of the twentieth century. In an article entitled “Modern Preaching—Its Weaknesses and Its Strength” (from the July 1924 issue of *The North Carolina Lutheran*), the Reverend George H. Cox, D.D., writes that “the office of the Gospel Ministry is the highest, and most responsible to which man can attain in this world.” Stressing the pastor’s obligation as preacher, Cox avers, “The Pulpit is God’s throne upon earth, from which, through his faithful ministers, He wields His scepter of universal sovereignty over the hearts of mankind.” Cox invokes the lofty language of William Cowper, an English poet of the 18th century, to define the minister:

There stands the messenger of truth;
There stands the legate of the skies;
His theme, divine; his office, sacred; his credentials, clear;
By him the violated law speaks out its thunders,
And, by strains as sweet as angels use, the Gospel whispers peace.

In *St. John's Journal*, March 1982, the article "How to Help Your Pastor" by Herbert Vander Lugt emphasizes interdependence of pastor and parishioners as the writer points out that "difficulties and discouragements" cause many pastors to "leave the ministry and enter other vocations." He warns that "many who faithfully continue sometimes have serious bouts with depression." Vander Lugt notes, "One key factor in this trend is that the pastor's effectiveness is directly dependent upon the voluntary love-motivated service of church members." He, therefore, enjoins parishioners to help the pastor "fulfill his God-ordained task" by following suggestions made in this article. Reminding the reader that "the pastor and his family are mere human beings," having "the same weaknesses and problems [as those of the laity], in addition to the special difficulties associated with the public ministry," Vander Lugt urges the parishioner to pray daily for the pastor and his family. Next he stresses submission to the pastor as "spiritual leader of the congregation"; however, the pastor is not "to be viewed as an infallible dictator."

To help pastors "find great joy in their work," this writer advises parishioners prayerfully to choose some church work and become "energetically and thoroughly" busy in it. He also advocates that the parishioners be "open and aboveboard" with the pastor by praising effective ministry and/or by discussing with him personally "in a kind Christian spirit" any perceived neglect of duty. Vander Lugt, of course, admonishes the fault-finding parishioner not to "spread discord and dissension through the church." Finally, he recommends being patient with the pastor, who is "an imperfect man working with a group of imperfect people." This writer concludes that the "pastor doesn't need sympathy; he needs support," which can come from the members of the congregation who are "praying for him, acknowledging his leadership, taking...responsibilities seriously, and being honest with him."

APPENDIX G

THE PASTOR'S ABODE

by Dr. George and Dorothy Rudy Busby

Housing for the parson involves an interesting history and "evolution." At the time of Martin Luther in the early 1500's, a number of clergy such as Luther were housed in monasteries. After the Reformation, Dr. Luther and his wife maintained a family home that also served as a haven for Christian visitors. As Lutheran congregations developed in Europe the pastor was usually provided with a place to live and land to farm, sometimes supplied by the congregation and sometimes supplied by the government. Beginning in the late 1600's, when the first Europeans came to Pennsylvania the pastor usually was able to secure his own land and home as did the other immigrants.

As congregations enlarged and demands on the pastor's time increased, housing for the pastor and his family became a concern of the church members. This congregational concern occurred all the way from Pennsylvania, through Virginia, to the Lutheran Congregation in Salisbury, North Carolina.

At the beginning of St. John's, Salisbury, in the mid-1700's, pastoral services were provided by itinerant or traveling preachers. Whether or not preaching was in a small church or meeting house, in a barn, in a courthouse, under a brush arbor, or in a private home, it was the duty and privilege of one of the members of the congregation to provide accommodations for the pastor during his visit.

The first pastor "called" in 1788 to St. John's, then known as the Lutheran Church in Salisbury, was Rev. Carl August Gottlieb Storch. Although his pastorate also included Union (Pine Meeting House) and Organ (Hickory Church), his first residence was in Salisbury where he boarded with John Lewis Beard, who lived at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets. Later, Storch bought a farm and erected a home one mile east of where Ebenezer Church now stands on Salisbury Road. The house still stands in 1983.

During his pastorate in 1835, Rev. Samuel Rothrock rented "Mr. Crawford's house" in Salisbury. Eventually, he owned his own home on a farm in the county.

On September 1, 1879, a committee was appointed by Church Council to solicit subscription for erecting a parsonage. Those committee members who were to report at a congregational meeting were J. A. Rendleman and Dave Julian, North Ward; William Smithdeal and L. W. Walton,

East Ward; C. T. Bernhardt and William Julian, South Ward; and Col. P. N. Heilig, West Ward. At the congregational meeting on December 28, 1879, Pastor W. J. Smith reported a lack of \$75.00 of the original \$700 needed. There was a motion for members to pledge 50¢ additional to amounts they had already pledged, and a building committee was appointed: P. N. Heilig, William Smithdeal, and Major Verble.

In December 1885 Prof. Kizer was to pay from the treasury \$12.50 per month for rent of a parsonage starting January 1, 1886.

In 1887 a parsonage was built on an adjoining lot to the church on the northeast corner of North Main and Liberty Streets. When Pastor L. E. Busby began his pastorate in 1896, he and his wife and four children lived in a house rented from N. B. McCanless next to the McCanless rock house at South Main Street and Military Avenue. In November 1896, Mr. G. H. Shaver was appointed to be in charge of having repairs made on the parsonage, and in 1899 when Rev. L. E. Busby was elected pastor for another year beginning November 1, the terms were "\$900 per annum and the parsonage." In March 1900 repairs were made at a cost of \$6.00.

During his pastorate, 1906-1920, Pastor M. M. Kinard lived in a rented house at 315 West Council Street. Pastor Edward Fulenwider first lived on West Council Street in 1920 and then, when the congregation bought an "Isenhour house" on the corner of Church and West Innes Streets upon which to construct a new St. John's building, Fulenwider and his family lived there until the house was torn down to build the new church in 1926. From there he moved to a rented house in the Steelworth section.

When Pastor M. L. Stirewalt moved to Salisbury in January 1930, he and his wife and four children were housed in the Yadkin Hotel for two weeks until their furnishings arrived by freight from Chicago. St. John's then rented a house at 527 Maupin Avenue for them.

That year, 1930, Mr. Charles Isenhour, Sr., and a committee planned for St. John's to build a parsonage and with the approval of Church Council purchased a lot on the south side of the three hundred block of West Marsh Street. Mr. Isenhour gave the bricks and the house was completed in 1931. The Stirewalts moved into the parsonage at that time and were there the remainder of their time at St. John's.

Pastor P. D. Brown and family moved from Columbia, SC, directly into the parsonage where they resided until Dr. Brown's death in 1952.

The parsonage was refurbished in 1953 before Pastor Frank K. Efird and his family arrived from Roanoke, VA. They resided there until his resignation in 1963.

Pastor R. Douglas Fritz and family occupied the parsonage from 1963 to 1969. In 1969, Pastor Fritz and the Council agreed on the new plan of paying a housing allowance so the pastor could buy his own house

(a popular plan in LCA). After Pastor Fritz moved into his newly constructed home at 109 Waverly Circle, St. John's sold the Marsh Street parsonage in February 1971 for \$23,551.25.

When Pastor Edward Long was called in 1973 as a team pastor with Fritz, he was also put on a housing allowance, and he bought his home on East Corriher Avenue.

After Fritz left in 1974, Pastor David K. Huddle, who was called in 1975 for a team ministry with Pastor Long, purchased a house at 221 McCoy Road with his housing allowance.

Pastor Frederick Gotwald, called in 1983 as assistant pastor, resides at 322 West Miller Street.

During the pastorate of Dr. P. D. Brown, there began the employment of an assistant pastor for the congregation. The first assistant pastor at St. John's was Rev. Ernest Misenheimer, who was paid \$100 per month. He rented a residence for \$30 a month at 419 West Henderson Street. Between 1943 and 1958 an apartment was rented by the congregation or provided without cost to the assistant ministers.

In 1958 the congregation purchased a house for \$15,477 at 2026 Rosemont Street to be used as a parsonage for assistant pastors. Four different assistant pastors and their families resided on Rosemont during their pastorates at St. John's. In 1973, with the introduction of team ministry and housing allowance paid directly to the pastor, the parsonage on Rosemont was obsolete and was sold for \$20,000.

In 1983 St. John's no longer owns a parsonage or any property earmarked for that purpose.

APPENDIX H

ST. JOHN'S DELEGATES TO NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

The North Carolina Synod was formed in 1803, and St. John's congregation was undoubtedly represented at that time, but names of laymen were not included in minutes of the earliest meetings. Those St. John's delegates on record from 1833 to 1983 are listed below:

1833 Benjamin Fraley	1888 P. N. Heilig
1835 Moses L. Brown	1889 P. N. Heilig
1837 Michael S. Brown	1892 P. N. Heilig
1840 Moses L. Brown	1893 J. D. Heilig
1841 John L. Rendleman	1894 J. D. Heilig
1843 Wm. H. Smith	1895 J. D. Heilig
1846 Michael Davis	1896 C. T. Bernhardt
1848 Wm. H. Smith	1897 C. T. Bernhardt
1849 Moses L. Brown	1898 C. M. Brown
1851 J. A. Davis	1899 A. S. Heilig
1854 Wm. H. Smith	1900 C. T. Bernhardt
1858 Jacob E. Moose	1901 C. T. Bernhardt
1860 J. E. Moose	1902 R. G. Kizer
1862 Benjamin F. Fraley	1903 C. T. Bernhardt
1868 B. F. Fraley	1904 A. S. Heilig
1870 B. F. Fraley	1905 R. G. Kizer
1871 B. F. Fraley	1906 R. G. Kizer
1872 W. H. Smith	1907 R. G. Kizer
1873 J. E. Moose	1908 B. B. Miller
1874 P. N. Heilig	1909 T. E. Johnston
1875 George Achenbach	1910 W. M. Cook
1876 P. N. Heilig	1911 B. B. Miller
1877 T. C. Bernhardt	1912 Stahle Linn
1878 P. N. Heilig	1913 A. H. Snider
1879 P. N. Heilig	1914 A. H. Snider
1880 P. N. Heilig	1915 W. M. Cook
1881 P. N. Heilig	1916 E. H. Miller
1882 C. T. Bernhardt	1917 W. L. Sifferd
1884 P. N. Heilig	1918 R. L. Bernhardt
1885 P. N. Heilig	1919 P. D. Linn
1886 P. N. Heilig	1920 Leon E. Sloop
1887 P. N. Heilig	1921 Leon E. Sloop

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| 1922 C. M. Brown | 1967 Thomas W. Kern |
| 1923 L. D. Peeler | 1968 Clifford A. Peeler |
| 1924 L. D. Peeler | 1969 Clifford A. Peeler |
| 1925 P. A. Lentz | 1970 Mrs. Norde D. (Kay
Goodman) Wilson |
| 1927 Marvin Snider | 1971 Mrs. Dellene
Lyerly Markey |
| 1928 C. W. Isenhour | William S. Porter |
| 1929 C. W. Isenhour | Marcus C. Smith |
| 1930 C. W. Isenhour | 1972 Marcus C. Smith |
| 1931 J. C. Deaton | Mrs. Dellene L. Markey |
| 1932 W. M. Cook | Emmette Gray Thompson III |
| 1933 Clifford A. Peeler | 1973 Luann Rufty |
| 1934 J. Lewis Sowers | Marcus C. Smith |
| 1935 Arthur G. Peeler | Mrs. Ellen Hudson Trexler |
| 1936 O. J. Mahaley | 1974 Mrs. Ellen H. Trexler |
| 1937 Clifford A. Peeler | Marcus C. Smith |
| 1938 Clifford A. Peeler | Derek K. Long |
| 1939 P. D. Linn | 1975 Mrs. Katherine
Cress Goodman |
| 1940 C. W. Isenhour | Karol Kinard |
| 1941 C. W. Isenhour | H. Milton Tallardy |
| 1942 A. G. Peeler | 1976 Robert T. Loeblein |
| 1943 A. G. Peeler | Mrs. Anne S. W. Loeblein |
| 1944 P. A. Lentz | Judy L. Coble |
| 1945 P. A. Lentz | Mrs. Patricia Melchor |
| 1946 J. L. Fisher | Epting |
| 1947 A. G. Peeler | 1977 Mrs. Carolyn
Williams Hood |
| 1948 J. L. Fisher | J. Daniel Brown |
| 1949 C. Odell Sapp | Timothy M. Smith |
| 1950 J. L. Fisher | Charles S. Heilig |
| 1951 Charles S. Heilig | 1978 Mrs. Peggy Henry Coble |
| 1952 Mrs. Curtis L. (Margaret
Linker) Wyatt | Charles S. Heilig |
| 1954 C. Odell Sapp | Robert L. Coble |
| 1955 Charles S. Heilig | Larry D. Bowden |
| 1956 Cora E. Gray | 1979 Garland R. Markey |
| 1957 Glenn E. Ketner | Wilson L. Smith |
| 1958 Cora E. Gray | Mrs. Sarah L. Peeler |
| 1959 Wilson L. Smith | Mrs. Sonja Olson Kinard |
| 1960 H. C. Petrea | 1980 Julian C. Smith |
| 1961 Glenn E. Ketner | Mrs. Mary Rogers Smith |
| 1962 H. C. Petrea | James T. Loeblein |
| 1963 H. C. Petrea | Guy T. Beaver |
| 1964 Carl E. Weinbrunn | |
| 1965 T. Burton Harris | |
| 1966 Thomas W. Kern | |

- 1981 Roy A. Agner, Jr.
T. Burton Harris
Mrs. Dorothy Walker Smith
C. Brent Safrin
- 1982 James A. Chesky
Larry W. Britt
T. Burton Harris
Jeffrey L. Bowden
- 1983 Ted W. Goins, Jr.
V. Lynn Lippard
Mrs. Patricia Shoaf Nelson
Willie L. Stirewalt

APPENDIX I

OFFICERS OF ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION

The names of the earliest leaders of St. John's congregation such as John Lewis Beard have been recorded in Volume I of St. John's history. Until 1978 it seems the pastor was chairman/president of the congregation. From 1978 to 1983 a member of the laity was chosen president.

Presidents:

1978	Thomas W. Kern	1981	T. Burton Harris
1979	Thomas W. Kern	1982	Patricia Shoaf Nelson
1980	Roy A. Agner, Jr.	1983	Pastor David K. Huddle

Vice-chairmen/vice-presidents of the congregation:

1918	R. G. Kizer	1944	C. W. Isenhour
1919	R. G. Kizer	1945	C. W. Isenhour
1920	R. G. Kizer	1946	John Sifford
1921	R. G. Kizer	1947	James L. Fisher
1922	C. M. Van Poole	1948	John C. Cress
1923	C. M. Van Poole	1949	Glenn E. Ketner
1924	C. M. Van Poole	1950	J. L. Fisher
1925	C. M. Van Poole	1951	J. L. Fisher
1926	C. M. Van Poole	1952	R. L. Bernhardt
1927	C. M. Van Poole	1953	Glenn E. Ketner
1928	C. M. Van Poole	1954	Glenn E. Ketner
1929	C. W. Isenhour	1955	Glenn E. Ketner
1930	C. W. Isenhour	1956	Clifford A. Peeler
1931	C. W. Isenhour	1957	Clifford A. Peeler
1932	C. M. Van Poole	1958	C. Odell Sapp
1933	C. M. Van Poole	1959	Glenn E. Ketner
1934	C. W. Isenhour	1960	Glenn E. Ketner
1935	C. W. Isenhour	1961	George F. Busby
1936	C. W. Isenhour	1962	Thomas W. Kern
1937	C. W. Isenhour	1963	Thomas W. Kern
1938	C. W. Isenhour	1964	Robert E. Carmichael
1939	C. W. Isenhour	1965	Robert E. Carmichael
1940	J. L. Fisher	1966	Clifford A. Peeler
1941	C. W. Isenhour	1967	Clifford A. Peeler
1942	A. G. Peeler	1968	Clifford A. Peeler
1943	C. W. Isenhour	1969	George F. Busby

1970	Lewis C. Frank	1978	Ernest C. Safrit, Jr.
1971	Roy A. Agner, Jr.	1979	T. Burton Harris
1972	Roy A. Agner, Jr.	1980	T. Burton Harris
1973	E. Edward Long (team minister)	1981	Mrs. Kay Goodman Wilson
1974	Hal E. Furr	1982	Glenn E. Ketner, Jr.
1975	Hal E. Furr	1983	Eleanor E. Sifford
1976	David K. Huddle (team minister)		
1977	David K. Huddle (team minister)		

The names of secretaries of St. John's congregation have been recorded as follows:

1825	Charles Fisher	1900	R. G. Kizer
	Henry C. Kern, rec. sec.	1901	R. G. Kizer
1826	through 1873, no record.	1912	J. L. Fisher
1875	L. W. Walton	1913	W. F. Rattz
1876	L. W. Walton	1914	W. F. Rattz
1877	L. W. Walton	1915	W. F. Rattz
1878	L. W. Walton	1916	W. F. Rattz
1879	L. W. Walton	1917	W. F. Rattz
1880	L. W. Walton	1918	W. F. Rattz
1881	L. W. Walton		W. L. Sifford
1882	L. W. Walton	1919	W. F. Rattz
1883	L. W. Walton	1920	W. F. Rattz
1884	L. W. Walton	1921	W. F. Rattz
1885	L. W. Walton	1922	W. F. Rattz
1886	L. W. Walton	1923	J. L. Fisher
1887	L. W. Walton	1924	J. L. Fisher
1888	L. W. Walton	1925	J. L. Fisher
1889	L. W. Walton	1926	J. L. Fisher
	W. H. Reisner	1927	J. L. Fisher
1890	W. H. Reisner	1928	J. L. Fisher
	C. T. Bernhardt	1929	W. F. Rattz
1891	C. T. Bernhardt	1930	W. F. Rattz
1892	W. H. Reisner	1931	W. F. Rattz
	R. G. Kizer	1932	W. F. Rattz
1893	R. G. Kizer	1933	W. F. Rattz
1894	R. G. Kizer	1934	W. F. Rattz
	A. S. Heilig	1935	H. C. Petrea
1895	A. S. Heilig	1936	H. C. Petrea
1896	A. S. Heilig	1937	H. C. Petrea
1897	A. S. Heilig	1938	H. C. Petrea
1898	A. S. Heilig	1939	H. C. Petrea
	A. H. Dreher	1940	H. C. Petrea
1899	A. H. Dreher	1941	John H. Isenhour
	R. G. Kizer	1942	John H. Isenhour

1943 Ervin E. Lampert	1961 Mrs. James H. Krider, Jr.
1944 Ervin E. Lampert	1962 Mrs. B. R. Wither, Jr.
1945 Ervin E. Lampert	1963 Mrs. Raymond C. Ritchie
1946 Ervin E. Lampert	1964 Mrs. Raymond C. Ritchie
1947 Ervin E. Lampert	1965 A. Marlene Plyler
1948 Ervin E. Lampert	1966 Mrs. Harold E. Rufty
1949 Ervin E. Lampert	1967 Mrs. J. Max Henderlite
1950 J. Max Henderlite	1968 Mrs. J. Max Henderlite
1951 J. Max Henderlite	1969 Mrs. John A. Plyler
1952 J. Max Henderlite	1970 Mrs. Dellene Markey
1953 Betty Scott Lentz	1971 Mrs. Dellene Markey
Charles S. Heilig	1972 H. Milton Tallardy
1954 Betty Scott Lentz	1973 H. Milton Tallardy
1955 Ruth K. Uzzell	1974 Eleanor E. Sifford
E. Bryce Barger	1975 Eleanor E. Sifford
1956 Ruth K. Uzzell	1976 Eleanor E. Sifford
1957 Ruth K. Uzzell	1977 Mrs. Sarah L. Peeler
C. Odell Sapp	1978 Mrs. Sarah L. Peeler
1958 Stamey F. Carter, Jr.	1979 Mrs. Dorothy W. Smith
Archibald C. Rufty	1980 Mrs. Dorothy W. Smith
1959 Mrs. George F. Busby	1981 Mrs. Ann H. Frank
Mrs. Ervin E. Lampert	1982 Eleanor E. Sifford
1960 Mrs. Ervin E. Lampert	1983 Mrs. Peggy H. Coble
Mrs. George F. Busby	

Treasurers of St. John's congregation beginning in 1825 through 1901 were George Vogler, Wm. Smithdeal, T. J. Ludwick, Jacob A. Rendleman (for more than ten years), J. Z. Schultz, W. H. Reisner, C. T. Bernhardt, and A. W. Winecoff (for seven years or more).

Those who have served as treasurer of the congregation and treasurer of special congregational collections beginning in 1912, through 1983, have been W. M. Cook, W. M. Snider, W. L. Sifford, A. H. Snider, E. H. Miller, R. L. Bernhardt, P. D. Linn, Leon E. Sloop, C. M. Brown, L. D. Peeler, R. B. Brittain, J. L. Fisher, W. D. Morgan, W. L. Ross, T. E. Johnston, C. W. Isenhour, J. C. Cress, W. L. Ross, G. M. Lyerly, H. C. Petrea, W. F. Snider, J. Lewis Sowers, W. C. Sifford, Paul Lentz, Frank W. Stoessel, and Charles L. Sowers. Mr. Stoessel was treasurer for twenty years (1948-1968) and Mr. Sowers has been treasurer for fifteen years (1969-1983).

SPECIAL NOTES

Chapter One

1. Mrs. James C. (Gertha Koontz) Dunham, known affectionately as "Granny" Dunham, came to Salisbury in 1921, the wife of a Southern Railway official. Mrs. Dunham had been raised in Davidson County. The Dunhams lived at 302 Mocksville Avenue. Mrs. Dunham became a member of St. John's and in 1929-1930 was director of the Cradle Roll Department, the largest functioning cradle roll department in the world. When Mrs. Dunham died in 1937 she was survived by two daughters: Mrs. John L. Fort of Charlotte and Miss Jean Dunham of Lexington. A brother, Capt. E. W. Koontz, and a sister, Mrs. Frank L. Hedrick, lived in Lexington.
2. W. F. Snider, Sr., was the father of Mrs. Charles Linn, Mrs. Douglas Collins, Marvin Snider, William Snider, and the late Mrs. Clarence Bernhardt and Arnold Snider. Active in all work of the church, Mr. Snider was one of the first to give a substantial amount of money to purchase the lot on which St. John's Church now stands. He was an outstanding citizen and rose from an express messenger to a prominent banker. At the time of his death Mr. Snider was a vice-president in charge of the Salisbury branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

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